



Two of the major contributors to the service station training centre at the Salvation Army's House of Concord are shown making their presentations at the dedication ceremony December 14. They are, left to right, Jack Hoyle, Toronto district manager of the B.A. Oil Company, handing over a cheque, N. G. Bean, president of Building Co-ordinators Limited who built the station, handing over the key, Commissioner Edgar Grinstead, national commander of the Salvation Army, Colonel H. G. Wallace, chief secretary, and Major A. M. MacCorquodale, superintendent of the House of Concord.

Open New Salvation Army Service Station

BY MARGARET McLEAN
More than two years' effort was brought about to a culmination December 14 when a bright, new full-equipped service station was opened at the House of Concord, the Salvation Army's rehabilitation institute for boys on Dufferin Street, Concord.

The new station will be used to train more than 60 boys a year as service station attendants. Ten boys at a time take a four-month course which is operated in conjunction with the federal-provincial training agreement. Graduates receive a diploma recognized throughout Ontario.

More than 20 local and Metro business firms contributed to

the erection and equipping of the station. At the opening ceremonies, Jack Hoyle, representing the B.A. Oil Company, presented a substantial cheque towards the operation of the station which was built with the guidance and close co-operation of the company.

N. G. Bean, president of Building Co-ordinators Limited and Bemac Protective Coatings Limited presented the key of the building to Commissioner Edgar Grinstead, national commander of the Salvation Army. Building Co-ordinators Limited of Concord built the station, free of charge, to BA specifications. Material and equip-

ment was contributed by a variety of other firms. Members of the Metropolitan Glass Association contributed all glass used in the building.

In presenting the cheque, Mr. Hoyle noted that he had been involved in the project for almost three years. "It hasn't been work, it was a lot of fun," he said.

In accepting the gifts, Commissioner Grinstead paid tribute to all those who had been associated with the project. "It is a credit to intelligence and many warm hearts," he said. He also mentioned the nationwide interest which the House of Concord has created. He has

spoken, he said, with the Governor-General, the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition and Charlotte Whitton, former mayor of Ottawa, all of whom had been fascinated with the project.

Prior to the opening of the new station, almost 200 boys were trained as service station attendants in a make-shift building. A follow-up on these boys shows that most of them have gone into the service station field and are staying with it, reports Major A. M. MacCorquodale, superintendent of the House of Concord. The B.A. Oil Company has assisted in placement of the boys.

On completion of the ceremonies in the station, over 100 guests were invited to a five course Christmas dinner served in the gymnasium.

Following the excellent dinner, prepared by the boys taking the course in food preparation, a Christmas program was presented. Vocal and instrumental music was provided by the Salvation Army's Dovercourt Vocalists and band ensemble directed by W. E. Bunton.

As another treat for the boys of the House of Concord, who did quick justice to their fellows' culinary efforts, a half hour of magic was presented by Charles Colgate.

Boys and guests all joined in singing carols and benediction was said by Mrs. Commissioner Grinstead.

Elected Representatives Speak To Langstaff S. S. History Students

In a determined effort to make at least part of the grade 10 history course come alive to students at Langstaff Secondary School, Walter Pitman, head of the history department has had a series of elected representatives speak to the students as part of their study of civics.

In October, Vernon Singer, former reeve of North York and now MLA for York-Downsview spoke to the students concerning municipal affairs. December 7, North York MP John Addison addressed the grade 10 students on federal-provincial relations. The role of a provincial member of parliament was explained by Donald MacDonald on December 14.

In the new year, Mr. Pitman plans to have a series of speakers representing each political party to explain political organization at the constituency level.

Aim of the talks is to help the students realize that their elected representatives are human beings, explained Mr. Pitman. "Too often the youngsters either stand completely in awe of or have a cynical distaste for politicians," he said.

Together with the series of speakers Mr. Pitman has used film and film strips to arouse the students' interest in civics. "The Sceptre and the Mace" was one film used and this showed the relationship of the Crown to the parliamentary system. A National Film Board picture showing the opening of Parliament was also seen by the students. "This was of particular interest because it was filmed the year the present Prime Minister Lester Pearson came to Parliament as a private member," Mr. Pitman noted.

National Film Board film strips, originally made for citizenship classes, have also been used to make the course more meaningful for the students.

Mr. Pitman, who came to the York Central system from Peterboro, himself has first-hand experience as an elected representative. Taking a leave of absence as the head of the history department at a Peterboro Collegiate he was the NDP member from Peterboro in the federal house from 1960 to 1962.

Newmarket Council Told To Meet Twice Monthly Instead Of Weekly

Newmarket Town Council was told that its committees hold 100% more meetings than the average of eight other municipalities studied in a report presented to council December 14 by Councillor Drew Doak, chairman of a committee set up three months ago to try and streamline council procedure.

They hold 50% more meetings than the next highest of the municipalities studied. Remuneration paid the mayor, reeve, deputy-reeve and councillors was found to be comparable to that paid by other municipalities of similar size.

All the municipalities contacted however, met twice monthly instead of weekly as

Newmarket council does and the committee recommended that Newmarket council meet twice monthly with a time limit of 11 p.m. for adjournment.

The report also suggested that eight standing committees be formed, the first four mainly administrative and the others operational. The committees suggested were finance, police, fire and community services; by-laws and subdivision; industrial planning and promotion; roads and bridges; water and sewers; property, garbage and welfare.

Committee members Drew Doak, Tom Taylor, Tom Surgeoner and George Richardson were congratulated in their report which Deputy-reeve Clare Salisbury termed "one of the best to be presented to council this year."

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In Magistrate's Court

On three charges of break, enter and theft, Lorne Allan Marshman of RR3, Stouffville was remanded for sentence to January 5 when he appeared in Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court last Thursday. The adjournment to last

Thursday following Marshman's conviction of the charges December 15 was to allow an old family lawyer from Stouffville to appear on his behalf but according to legal aid counsellor Paul Mingay, the lawyer refused.

Five Men Named To County School Consulting Group

York County Council last Thursday established a public school consultative committee naming five area men, including Vaughan Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson to act on it.

The committee was necessitated by a recommendation in Bill 54, the school legislation passed last year, that a group be formed to hear petitions to form a county school area board comprising of two or more boards and to consider any other matter affecting public school education in a county.

County councillors first voted on whether or not to accept four names suggested at the November session; they were R. E. Luke of Sutton West, Stewart Starr of RR3, Newmarket, John McKay of Thornhill and John Fawcett, RR1, King.

On the first vote, there was a tie broken by Chairman Jean Moffatt in the affirmative which approved the four. North Gwillimbury Reeve J. O. Dales then pointed out that with one council member absent (his deputy Frank Willoughby) and one member obviously abstaining, the vote was in the negative.

Mrs. Moffatt ruled a second "stand-up" vote and the pendulum swung in favor with Mr. Dales getting to his feet to say, "Let's at least make it unanimous."

Fight for the fifth spot on the new board was then between Harry Walker of RR3, Newmarket and Mr. Bryson who won it hands down.

Charges of intimidation laid by W. J. Wilson against three Amalgamated Electric Company picketers John Peel, Frank Taylor and Beverley Ann Evans last August were withdrawn at the request of the Crown.

A Woodbridge area caretaker Elio Syl Wedge, 56, was fined \$125 and costs or seven days in jail when he pleaded guilty to impaired driving December 1 near the village.

Const. Andrew Nixon of the Woodbridge Police said Wedge had forced a car off the road with his driving, had gone through a red light, narrowly missed a dump truck whose driver chased and finally stopped him. The constable said his speech was thick, he smelled of alcohol and was staggering. He also admitted drinking from a bottle of rye and to having "several beers".

Wedge said he had been drinking but had taken some 222's for his arthritis and this had caused his erratic actions. "Usually 222's don't smell like liquor," Magistrate O. S. Holinrake remarked.

Thornhill cab driver Robert Harold Graham was released on \$200 bail following a Vaughan Police charge against him of impaired driving December 16. He was granted a remand to January 28.

County Briefs

York County Council, at its last session of a busy year Thursday, approved a debenture issue for \$283,000 for a building program at Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket. The school only opened a year ago.

Spectators at the meeting were newly-elected reeves and deputy-reeves from Markham Village, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Aurora, Newmarket, Whitchurch.

Commissioners Joseph Dales of North Gwillimbury and Sidney Legge of Newmarket both announced their candidacy for the post of 1965 warden of York County. Members are predicting a close vote between the two when it comes to council next January.

Retiring councillor and Deputy-reeve Stanley F. Tinker of Richmond Hill paid tribute to the 1964 council with the comment: "This has been a year of accomplishment and certainly of individual opinion."

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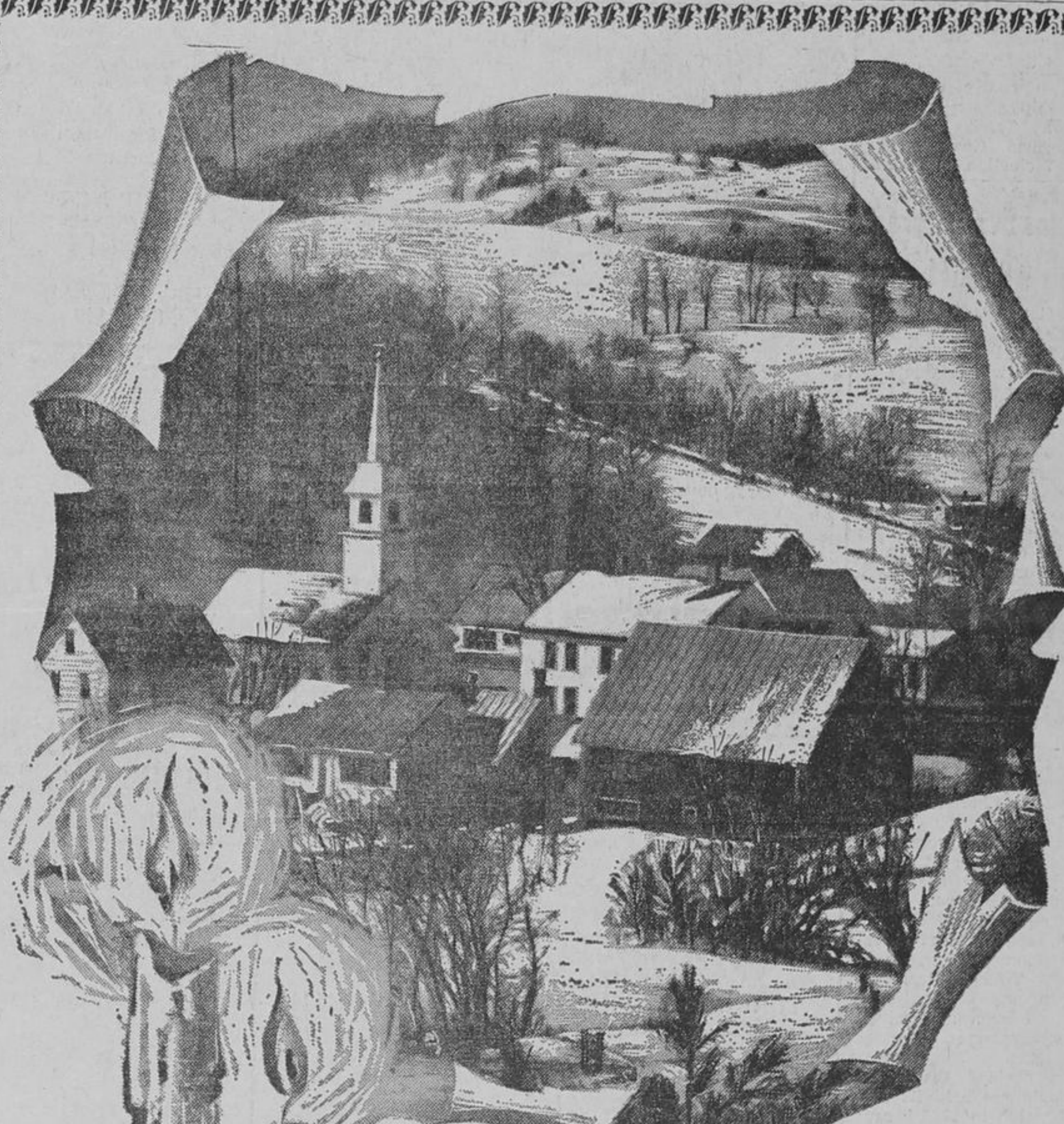
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