



## Prom Queen Crowned At R.H.H.S.

Prom Queen Sheri Symington is crowned by radio and TV personality Al Boliska at Richmond Hill High School's annual formal held at the school last Friday evening. Lovely ladies in waiting are (left to right) Ann Ross, Beverley Fumerton, Pat Harley, Rosemary Ross and Wendy Ashkanase. Theme of the dance was "Three Coins in the Fountain" and the auditorium was suitably decorated, complete with a fountain and Roman murals on the walls. Approximately 150 people enjoyed dancing to the music of George Frank's five piece orchestra.

# Plea To Minister Could Solve Propane Problem

## Provincial Grant \$20 per Student

## "Free" Texts for Grades 11 and 12 To Cost High School Bd. \$20,000

The "free" textbooks to be provided for grade 11 and 12 students next year are expected to cost the York Central District High School Board something over \$20,000, based on last year's experience with the provision of textbooks for grades 9 and 10, according to Superintendent of High Schools S. L. G. Chapman. While the board has not as yet received official confirmation of the fact, it has been announced that the Department of Education will make a grant of \$20 to buy texts for each student in these grades this year. Next year, the grant will be \$10 per student. Mr. Chapman estimates that the cost of the grade 11 and 12 texts is about \$28 per student. Although the grant is said to be \$20 per student, in actual practice it works out to about

A possible solution to the problem of propane tank installation in an urban area was suggested by Reeve Donald Plaxton at a joint meeting held Monday night by Richmond Hill Town Council with rate-payers who are protesting increased storage facilities at the Altane plant on Markham Road.

The reeve pointed out that the Planning Act provides that any interested person who had received notice of the application to the committee of adjustment has the right to appeal its decision within 14 days. "We have a roomful of people here," he stated, "who, if they had been informed of the application to expand storage facilities for propane, would have protested. If you can convince the Minister of Municipal Affairs

## High School Board Plans Public Lectures

York Central District High School Board will conduct the second in its series of annual public lectures on March 11 at Thornhill Secondary School. Topic of the lectures is "Crisis in Education, Threat or Challenge?" There will be two lectures given, both on the same night. Professor Ian MacDonald, chief economist for the Province of Ontario will discuss economic prospects of the province and their implications with respect to education.

Second speaker will be Dr. Edmond Gleazer, executive director of the American Association of Junior Colleges. His topic will be "The Role of the Community College in the Great Society." Bascombe St. John, former education editor of the Globe & Mail and now on the staff of the Department of Education will introduce the speakers. Tickets will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students and price of the tickets includes a copy of the speeches to be published at a later date.

Mayor Broadhurst commented, "We all feel that way and the committee of adjustment has already discussed changes in procedure in handling hazardous use applications." The mayor also suggested that the planning board come up with some way of insuring through bylaws that bulk storage of flammable and combustible materials for resale will be prohibited in the municipality. "This is closing the door after the horse has bolted," the mayor stated, "but at least we will not have another such plant established here."

Asked about safety regulations, Mr. Wilde who resides in Pleasantville reported that his department set out certain regulations about location of tanks with certain spacing required between buildings and property lines, plumbing and electrical components which must be of a certain type and class. The pressure vessels themselves are controlled by the Department of Labour. "The Department of Energy and Resources licences these people. They must make application for renewal of licence every year and a thorough inspection is carried out before the licence is renewed. This particular plant is going through a process of modifying and we have made a number of inspections."

Asked by the reeve if the town could add to the safety regulations, Mr. Wilde replied, "If you want to add gold plate, there is nothing to prevent it." The mayor queried, "What sort" (Continued On Page 3)

## Bill Darlington Heads York County 4-H Clubs

Bill Darlington, leader of the Sharon 4-H Calf Club, was elected president for 1965 of York County 4-H Agricultural Clubs at the annual meeting February 16. Twelve leaders attended and each gave a brief report of his club activities last year.

A more advanced teaching program for senior 4-H members has been developed and will include a bus trip to the University of Guelph this year.

York 4-H Clubs will be represented in the county exhibit at the International Plowing Match to be held in Markham Township this fall. The new president, Dalton Faris, Lester Weatherill and Jim Sellers were appointed to be in charge of this exhibit.

Organization meetings will be held during Easter holidays.

## Dump Not Improved

Court action will be taken against Disposal Services Limited who operate a dump adjacent to the township dump on Concession 3. The principals, Norman Goodhead, former reeve of North York Township and Max Solomon were notified at various times last year that their operation was contravening the by-laws and on January 13 of this year they appeared before a committee meeting of council explaining that they had difficulty obtaining necessary machinery and promising that conditions would improve.

Since that time, little or no improvements have been made. The by-law requires that each two feet

## Vaughan To Take Action Against Two Twp. Firms

Vaughan Township at Monday night's meeting finally adopted a "get tough" attitude to those who repeatedly infringe or ignore township by-laws and decided to take court action against two firms in the township.

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## Brotherhood Week Jaycees Learn Chinese Problems Attend Buddhist Church Service

Mrs. Jean Lumb, public relations chairman of the Chinese Community in Toronto, was guest speaker at the Richmond Hill Jaycees meeting during Brotherhood Week. Mrs. Lumb explained the problems confronting Chinese people. There is an ever-increasing trend towards western ways, she claimed, and a consequent departure from Chinese customs. This is especially true in the younger generations.

For instance, Mrs. Lumb reported that in the past when a holiday occasion arose her family performed a dragon dance. Today, due to their age and western outlook this has ceased to be an integral part of their social life. Mrs. Lumb has had to turn to schools and Chinese clubs to try to interest younger people in these traditional oriental dances.

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## Fills Community Need

# Hospital Served 10,000 First Year

York Central District Hospital is one of the largest businesses in this area, as shown by its auditors' report presented by Treasurer D. C. Stewart at the annual meeting of the hospital association Tuesday evening. Expenditures during the first full year of operation, 1964, amounted to \$1,084,586. Sixty-two percent of this amount was paid out in salary and wages which amounted to \$702,606.

Revenue for the year amounted to \$1,062,000, with the Ontario Hospital Services paying 82% or \$869,744.

An operating deficit of \$22,524, was reported but depreciation of \$45,400 had been written off on the building and plant and \$7,954 had been paid for interest on the capital debt. These figures were presented by Administrator Gary Chatfield.

The administrator, also reported a staff of 199 full time employees, and 20 part time employees, 101 of these being employed in various nursing services. The average daily salary cost was \$22.

Average daily activity for the 366 days of the year included: 13 admissions, 88 average census, 12 emergency visits, 20 births, 148 laboratory procedures, 28 x-ray examinations, 5

operations. The administrator termed this "an excellent beginning."

Honorary President D. H. Storms was returned to the board of trustees along with Dr. W. J. Mason, Dr. R. F. Heard, and G. Kingston, all of Richmond Hill, to serve for three years. R. F. MacTavish of RR 2, Gormley was appointed for one year to complete an unexpired term. The annual meeting accepted the slate proposed by J. R. Reynolds, chairman of the nominating committee.

The committee also approved a suggestion of the board of trustees that over a period of three years the number of elected trustees be reduced from 18 to 12. Stuart Parker, who presided over the meeting in the absence of Chairman John E. Smith, explained that during the early work of the campaign for funds and construction of the hospital a large board had been necessary, during normal operation it has been found to be rather unwieldy.

Mr. Parker explained that besides the 18 elected representatives there are three trustees appointed by the medical staff and five who hold office because of their office in the municipalities.

The meeting also approved certain revisions to medical staff portion of the bylaws. President William Mirrieles of the Richmond Hill Lions presented Mr. Parker with a cheque for \$3,300. Three years ago, he explained, the Lions had pledged \$24,000 toward the building fund of the hospital. This cheque brought the donation up to \$13,400, leaving \$6,600 to be paid in the next two years.

Mrs. E. L. Robinson, second vice-president of the hospital auxiliary, presented the report of that group of 425 women in 14 branches, whom Mr. Chatfield described as extremely successful in their work in the hospital as well as in fund raising.

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## New Office Bldg. To Be Built For '67

Although they did not originally agree on the date, both the management committee and property committee of York Central District High School Board recommended at the board's February 22 meeting that an administration office be built to accommodate the growing administration staff.

The property committee recommended that the building be constructed for occupancy by 1966 but amended this to agree with the management committee that it be built for occupancy in 1967.

The board will accordingly seek to extend their lease on the present building until June, 1967 and to have a clause inserted giving the privilege of vacating on three months' notice.

The property committee report pointed out that the present location, at 25 Yonge St. South has faults of layout, ventilation, ease of access and will very shortly not be large enough to accommodate the staff.

While they estimated that the cost of an administration building and equipment might be in the neighborhood of \$150,000, they pointed out that such a building would be exempt from municipal taxation, while rented premises are not.

The property committee noted too that they had been shown plans for an office building which is to be erected in Richmond Hill and offered accommodation in it at a yearly rental of \$20,000.

Trustee Robert Ross felt the original date of 1966 for the erection of the administration building should be adhered to. It was felt however that because of changes expected to be announced by the Department of Education and present uncertainty as to government policy it would be better to wait until 1967 when there would also be a clearer picture of the needs of the system.

A decision has not yet been reached about the vice-principals at Bayview.

The board also accepted three resignations from the teaching staff, effective at the end of the school year, from Mrs. E. A. Langdon at Richmond Hill High, Mrs. K. Misener at Bayview Secondary and W. G. Pitman at Langstaff Secondary.

New contracts for the school year 1965-66 were approved for two teachers past retirement age and who can only be employed on a year to year basis, Mrs. Hazel Furse and Zenon Zelony.

On a recommendation of the management committee, the board agreed to spend \$3,000 on the marking of English by lay people at Richmond Hill High and Thornhill Secondary during 1965-66 and to include \$1,500 in both the 1965 and 1966 budgets for this purpose.

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## High School Bd. Ends '64 With \$114,000 Surplus

There were some red-eyed and weary trustees sitting around the table at the February 22 meeting of the York Central District High School Board which didn't get underway until 9 p.m. instead of the regular time of 8 p.m.

Members of the management committee had been closeted in the board room with representatives of the teaching staff since 4 in the afternoon working on the teachers' salary schedule for next year.

When the meeting broke up at 8:30 (the salary schedule still incomplete) the half dozen members of the committee went out for something to eat and then came back to the regular board meeting. They finished this at 10:30 and then went into committee of the whole.

Consideration of a preliminary budget was included on the agenda but Trustee Robert Ross insisted that before it was discussed the board should study last year's budget and actual expenses as they had ended up the year with a surplus of \$114,000.

"That surplus would mean four mills in Richmond Hill," said Mr. Ross. "We've overtaxed people to that extent," he continued, "I don't want to go to council and tell them we have trimmed the budget and then end up with \$114,000 over."

Chairman John Honsberger pointed out that much of the \$114,000 surplus was caused by conditions they could not have anticipated.

A motion to table the budget discussion until the next meeting was amended to have it considered the second week in March as it was felt the end of March would be too late for the municipalities. Business Administrator George Tindal felt that he could have a comparison summary of last year's budget and actual expenditures ready by that time. Also, salary negotiations would be complete and the auditor's report on hand.

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## Citizens To Question Elected Representatives At "Hot Line" Meet March 5

District residents will have a unique opportunity on Friday, March 5 to question a panel of experts on a wide range of subjects relating to the three levels of government.

The four-member panel will feature Federal Labour Minister Allan MacEachen and York North MP John Addison, who will answer all questions on federal matters. Bob Nixon the personable young member of the Legislature for Brant riding and a recent contender for the Ontario Liberal leadership will field any questions in the area of provincial jurisdiction. Reeve Donald Plaxton of Richmond Hill will discuss municipal affairs.

Admission is free to this very interesting and inform-

ative evening which is being held at the Richmond Inn, Yonge Street South, in Richmond Hill. Proceedings are timed to commence at 8:30 p.m. The meeting is being sponsored by the York North Liberal Association.

Labour Minister MacEachen is an outstanding young man in his early 40's who has proven himself an able minister of the Crown both inside and outside of the House of Commons. Author of Canada's new labour code, Mr. MacEachen represents a Nova Scotia riding in Parliament. Mr. Nixon is another dedicated young man who first entered the Legislature following a by-election in December, 1962. He represents the same seat his father, a former provincial premier, held from 1919 un-

til the time of his death. A former high school teacher, he is the education critic for the Liberals in the Legislature.

Both John Addison and Donald Plaxton are well-known to county residents. A resident of King Township Mr. Addison made his first try for public office a successful one when he won election to the House of Commons in 1962. He was re-elected in the 1963 general election. Mr. Plaxton has served on town council as a councillor, deputy-reeve and now reeve. He was the Liberal candidate for York North in the 1963 provincial election.

Our citizens have very little opportunity today to question their elected representatives on a personal

basis. This panel discussion will give everyone attending a real opportunity to meet and question leading men in each of the three levels of government, regarding the many public issues facing our administrations today.

Questions for the panel can be sent in ahead of time by simply addressing them to the Liberal "Hot Line" Post Office Box 390, Richmond Hill. Any questions received by mail will be answered that evening in conjunction with questions from the floor.

Following the meeting sandwiches and coffee will be served. Remember the time and place—March 5—at the Richmond Inn at 8:30 p.m. Everybody is welcome.

For free tickets please phone Ray Nugent at 884-

3888, Bob Saunders at 884-4104, Lou Wainwright at 884-1669 or Mrs. Hilda Kelly at 297-1887.



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