

York Central Hospital Serves Community Need

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had spent about 1,200 hours during the year in meetings, besides numerous hours preparing for the meetings.

Mr. Parker read the report of the president which follows:

I regret that I am unable to be present at the annual meeting of the York Central Hospital Association, but I take this opportunity to extend thanks to you and all members of the association for your continuing interest in our hospital and its work.

This our first year of operation will be a memorable one in our history. It has been a year when a new staff faced all the problems of organizing and establishing a hospital service. It has been always interesting and challenging but not always easy.

The initial meeting to discuss the shortage of hospital beds in this district was held February 11, 1960. The first sod for construction was turned July 5, 1962 and our hospital was officially opened November 28, 1963. Our first patient was admitted December 16, 1963 and since that time more than 5,300 patients have been admitted for treatment. Our emergency cases in 1964 totalled 4,424, averaging more than 12 cases per day. Other out-patients treated in the various departments of our hospital totalled more than 6,000 visits in 1964.

These figures are convincing evidence that our hospital is

filling a very real need in the community and rendering a real public service. Even more gratifying than the figures of our occupancy is the fact that in the short space of one year, our hospital has earned a high reputation for efficient care and for considerate and sympathetic concern for our patients.

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the many kind compliments and words of praise and appreciation from patients and members of their families.

From the very outset our policy has been that the number one priority in all our operations and planning is the best interest of the patient. This will continue to be our policy. We want to pay tribute and express thanks to an efficient and dedicated medical and nursing staff who have made such a fine record possible in our first year of operation. Administrator G. J. Chatfield has rendered outstanding service in organizing, staffing and operating our hospital and we assure him of the continued confidence and co-operation of the board of trustees. Department heads and all staff members have demonstrated a high degree, not only of efficiency, but of loyalty and dedication to duty.

We are grateful to the chief of our medical staff, Dr. James Langstaff, whose keen interest and devotion to the interests of our hospital have made a valuable contribution which is much

appreciated. We wish to thank Dr. Hagar Hethrington recently retired as president of the medical staff for his outstanding contribution in the planning and building of our hospital. We welcome his successor Dr. Peter Morse, a charter member, as a member of our board of trustees.

Looking back over our first year of operation I think all members of this York Central Hospital Association, and all who contributed in any way to the community effort which made this hospital possible have sound reason for genuine satisfaction.

It is most gratifying that our hospital, a dream of many years now has a record of more than a year of successful operation. It is particularly gratifying that our hospital has attained a place of such high esteem in the hearts of the people of the district.

We are proud to be known not only as a place where the sick and the injured obtain skilled and efficient care but also as a place where there is special consideration and sympathetic understanding for the patient and members of his family.

In establishing this reputation we are grateful to an efficient and dedicated medical, nursing and administrative staff and to an active hospital auxiliary.

Our hospital auxiliary, an organization with some 14 bran-

ches and approximately 450 members, has made a most helpful contribution for which we extend sincere thanks and congratulations. This organization with its wonderful record has been a highlight of our hospital story, which we think is a community achievement worthy of pride and satisfaction. The auxiliary with its many willing workers is symbolic of the extra mile we are willing and anxious to travel in extending comfort and sympathetic understanding to all patients who enter through our doors.

Our medical staff is now comprised of some 57 doctors from the area, 36 of whom are general practitioners. The remainder represents the various specialties of surgery, obstetrics, internal medicine, paediatrics, anaesthesia, urology. We are indeed pleased with the manner in which this group has organized to provide a high quality of medical care to our patients.

Our hospital staff today numbers 210 persons and our payroll for the coming year is estimated at more than \$810,000.

During the past year we made application to the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation for survey of our hospital in 1965. This council is a voluntary agency which has been established to survey hospitals to ensure that the quality of hospital and medical care is of a calibre to justify confidence in that hospital. Prior to receiving a survey, a hospital must have been in operation at least 12 months and we are pleased to have been able to request this service at our 12th month anniversary. If the survey is successful, our hospital will become "accredited", a goal which your board of trustees is most anxious to achieve.

Contracts have been let for the installation of air conditioning in the operating rooms, delivery rooms and nursery. The installation cost will be \$50,000 and the system should be in operation in the early spring of this year.

The report of our treasurer will show a capital debt of \$215,000. However, we still have coming from Federal grants an amount of \$87,656.

There is rapid growth and development throughout the district which we serve and it will not be long before a further expansion of hospital facilities will be required. In anticipation of that day I would suggest that every effort should be made to pay off our remaining capital indebtedness. We hope citizens of the district and public spirited organizations will keep in mind the needs of our home hospital when making donations and bequests. On behalf of the association I wish to thank the many citizens and organizations who have made donations during the past year.

A special committee of our board is appealing to financial foundations for assistance and recently Trustee Gordon Gra-

ham, chairman of this committee reported a donation of \$6,000 from the J. P. Bickell Foundation.

Looking to the future I hope the 1965 board at an early date will consider the advisability of appointing a special committee to survey the future needs of our hospital and recommend in co-operation with other interested groups the timing, extent and nature of future expansion.

I wish to thank all members of the association and the people of the community for their good will and support of the hospital and look forward to a continuance of this support through the years to come.

Your trustees have been faithful in the discharge of their duties and I am grateful to all for their loyal support and co-operation during the past year. I acknowledge with gratitude also the counsel and assistance of Honourary President Douglas H. Storms, whose leadership contributed so much in making the building of our hospital possible.

Our hospital fills a place of ever increasing importance in our community life and on behalf of its needs I ask for your continued interest and support.

Largest Deer Kill On Record In 1964

One hundred and seventy-eight accidental and illegal deer kills were reported in Lake Simcoe District during 1964, the largest known kill by other than legal means, according to wildlife management officials of the Department of Lands and Forests.

These kills included 121 animals hit by vehicles and 57 by drownings, trains, animals caught in fences and illegal hunting. The large mortality represents an increase of 24.2 per cent over 1963 and took place in a year when 22 townships in the district were open for legal hunting.

Most vehicle kills were reported in Caledon Township, Peel County; Reach Township in Ontario County; and Medonte in Simcoe County. Estimated damage to the 70 vehicles involved was \$10,500.

Headford News

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Junior Farmers
The active York County junior farmers held their annual meeting and banquet at Nobleton recently and last week enjoyed a skating party at Cedar Arena. Cedar Grove, from Headford Albert Leek, Charles Barker, Austin Johnson and Bill Robinson attended the banquet and meeting and Albert, Charles and Roy Robinson attended the skating party. Following that activity they chartered Mr. and Mrs. Murray Carson (nee Sandra Burr) of Claremont.

Neighborhood Notes
Birthday greetings to Christine Terry February 23. Many happy returns Chris.

The board of trustees of Headford United met in the home of Chairman Douglas Calder and planned several projects for the year.

Neighbours are glad that John and Marilyn Rumble and baby David have decided to live in the community for some months at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Rumble. Welcome back, **Church News**

Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) celebrate their fiftieth anniversary this year. This commemorative venture is cooperatively sponsored by the United, Baptist, Church of Christ and Presbyterian Churches. There are 50,000 members across Canada who share in its study and activity as varied as their geographical locations. This year they are making donations through the World Council of Churches, toward a Christian Camping-Conference Centre in Indonesia.

The World Day of Prayer will be held in Headford Church March 5 at 1:30. Participants will come from the three churches on the charge with some welcome visitors.

The Sunday school room at United Church was decorated with art posters by the members of Doug Young's class. The art was interesting and the splash of color cheered the grey day.

Addressing a group of institute women at the OAC some years ago one of the professors lauded them on their persistence. He said he was awed by their determination to attain an objective. Very confidentially he leaned across the desk and said, "I'm going to illustrate what you are like."

Rain had flooded the country suddenly and a traveller had to seek shelter in a strange home. In the morning, looking out at the still flooded land, he saw a hat that kept bobbing along on top of the water. He said, "There must be a current there." "No, said the man of the house, that's grandma. She said, Come hell or high water, this morning she would mow the lawn!"

RICHVALE NEWS

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Youth Club

An organizational meeting to form a youth club was held at 16th Avenue Home and School Association last week.

The association decided to form a club consisting of two separate age groups — 9-11 and 12-14. The first meeting will be held on a Saturday, with the opening date to be announced later.

Indoor sports, such as basketball, volleyball, floor hockey and gym work will be held at the outset, with outdoor games being organized when the weather becomes milder.

Guest speaker at the meeting was J. Eilbeck a representative from the recreation branch of the Ontario Department of Education.

Oratorical Contest
At the recent oratorical contest held at the school by pupils from TSA No. 1, Glen Smith of Bayview Glen won over eight other students.

Runners up were Frances Bishop and Tom Robinson both from Henderson Avenue.

The three winners will compete on March 1 at Markham Township council chambers at Buttonville, with pupils from TSA No. 2, and a separate school.

Representing 16th Avenue School were Manfred Schuhmann and Alin Brooks.

Due to the contest, the TSA No. 1 hockey tournament sche-

duled for that time, was postponed to a later date.

Cubs and Scouts
Dean Kucpanak was investigated into the Keko Pack at 1st Langstaff Cuts. The pot luck supper held by the mothers of the Cubs and Scouts proved to be successful, and plans were discussed with regard to the travelling bake sale to be held on March 19. During the evening the ladies also worked on a project for the hobby shop.

Bowling
Team standings in the East Richvale League, ending last week were: Spokes 39, Blue Angels 30 Loudones and Ring-angles 28, Hy-Flyers 26, Beatles 18, Silents 14, Hawkeyes 13, Silver Dollars were won by Colleen Breddon 721, and Peter Nye 776. Other highs were Charlie Jones 723, Jim Harrison 703, Sue Hills 718 and Mary Colvin 711.

Socials
The youth club of Emmanuel Church, under the leadership of D. Brooman, were guests for an evening of bowling at ABC Lanes last week.

Birthday greetings go out to Mrs. E. Graine, 16th Avenue, who celebrated her birthday, February 22, and to Cecil Hewitt, 16th Avenue who celebrates his on the 28th this year.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hewitt, 16th Avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyles of Oshawa, D. Rukaruk of Oshawa was a weekend guest.

BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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Neighborhood Notes

Ken Stephenson returned from a Florida vacation recently. Highlight of his holiday was when he caught a sailfish in a deep sea fishing expedition.

There was a note from Mrs. E. Walton in last week's mail, and it sounded like spring. They will be home in a month. Since the Waltons went south early in December both Mrs. Walton's sister and her brother-in-law have died.

The Pralets have decided this is no time of year to look for a home in the country, and they have settled on a temporary apartment on the 7th concession south of highway 7. They expect to move from their present home in easy stages to March 15.

Fire which broke out about 11 o'clock last Friday morning destroyed the house at Don Mills (the former North Mills Denby farm) on Don Mills Road north of Steeles Ave. Unionville Fire Department answered the call. There was no estimate of damage. Jim Pogue has operated a boarding stable there for the past few years.

Mrs. Alvin Robinson, Mrs. Russell Boyington, Mrs. George Kelly and Mrs. James Rodick attended a luncheon at Thornhill United Church last week.

WI members catered for an evening supper last Thursday night, when members of a former group of Agincourt milk producers held their annual meeting at Buttonville WI hall. Assisting were Mrs. Ken Stots, Mrs. Russell Boyington, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. A. Brown, Mrs. Charles Hooper and Mrs. James Rodick. Approximately 60 were present.

Douglas Hood celebrated a birthday last Saturday and family members held a party in his honor.

This Friday night Buttonville WI members will hold their annual family night, with a buffet supper at 6:30 followed by a social evening.

CANCER'S SEVEN DANGER SIGNALS

Roads Plans Spur Real Estate

Proposed roads plans for the Metropolitan Toronto area, which were displayed in daily papers late in January, have spurred interest in local farm properties, and real estate men are frequent callers in the neighborhood. Land prices are ballooning. One farm property in the Steele's and German Mills Road area went for a reported \$6,000 per acre with asking prices up to \$7,000.

North of John Street, on Don Mills Road, a smaller property in the proposed open storage area sold for \$4,000. North of Highway 7 where there is much activity, particularly on the 3rd concession, values scale down gradually, but they are still a far cry from the \$1,000 per acre received for comparable lands in 1955. And still further from the \$200 per acre price of 1950.

Unit 1 Meeting
Members of the Happy Timers, Unit 1 of Brown's Corners United Church Women, met Tuesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Gloria Fritz, John Street, with 13 present.

The group began the study of India, with a film and record. Mrs. Binnington explained the purpose of the mission study programme and answered many questions about India.

Refreshments were served, and Dr. Binnington dropped by for a visit with the group.

Mrs. Fritz and Mrs. Richard Carr, hostesses were in charge of the devotional service.

Lucky Luncheon March 31

Brown's Corners United Church Women will hold a lucky luncheon March 31, at the church. Mrs. Betsy McLean of Oakville will present new products and there will be special music.

THE Challenge OF Cancer

Mrs. S. J. English has been at St. John's Convalescent Home since February 15, and expects to be there for at least three weeks. She is making good progress.

Congratulations to Mrs. W. Miller who celebrated a birthday February 17.

Euchre Series
Last Friday night at Buttonville WI Community Hall there were 19 tables of players in the winter euchre series. Winners were Mrs. Helen Tooley, Mrs. Mary Sherman, Mrs. Bernice Tooley, Mrs. Lillian Cooper, Bob Cartwright, Jesse Dewsbury, Alf Trimble, and Bob Risebrough. Four men with equal scores tied for third and fourth place but Nelson Whales and Marshall Thompson lost the draw.

The lucky draws, a blanket and a scatter rug donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones, were won by George Tooley and Harry Lak.

Freezeout winners were Mrs. Russell Burr, Jim Grainger, Russell Burr and Bill Wray.

Hostesses were Mrs. Ken Stots, Mrs. O. Brooke, Mrs. George Barker, Mrs. Harry Lak and Miss Cora Brodie.

The next game will be March **YCHA March 5**

Buttonville Branch of York Central Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Reg Allen, Don Mills Road near Cacht Club on March 5, at 10 a.m.

Still Red Ensign
Last week, all across the country, bright new Canadian flags fluttered from flagpoles. But not at Buttonville—at Markham Township Offices a somewhat tattered red ensign waved in the breeze. With a great demand for the new emblem, manufacturers have found it impossible to meet the orders, and local schools have had to wait for their flag raising ceremonies.

Vaughan Township

Farmers Seek Assessment Relief

A group of 25 Vaughan Township farmers, through their legal council J. F. Brewin succeeded in having Vaughan council reconsider its decision on an assessment by-law at the February 22 meeting of council.

of Cameron, Brewin, McCallum and Scott, had previously written council asking that they enact a by-law exempting, or partially exempting owners of farm lands from taxation for expenditures on waterworks, fire protection, garbage collection, sidewalks, pavements and sewers, etc.

Sr. Hockey League Standings

PLAY-OFFS												
Series A—						Series B—						Future Games—
Semi-Finals (Best of five)						Quarter Finals (Best of three)						February 28—Bradford vs. Keswick at Sutton Arena at 8:15 p.m.
P	W	L	T	For	Agst.	P	W	L	T	For	Agst.	February 28—Thornhill vs. Willowdale at Don Mills Arena at 9:30 p.m.
Richmond Hill Dynes	1	1	0	0	7	1	2					March 2—Downsview vs. Richmond Hill at Richmond Hill Arena at 8:15 p.m.
Downsview Flyers	1	0	1	0	1	7	0					
Series C—						Series D—						
Quarter finals (Best of three)						Quarter Finals (Best of three)						
Keswick Comets	1	0	0	1	8	8	1					
Bradford Bells	1	0	0	1	8	8	1					
Series E—						Series F—						
Quarter finals (Best of three)						Quarter Finals (Best of three)						
Willowdale Rangers	1	0	0	1	4	4	1					
Thornhill Shamrocks	1	0	0	1	4	4	1					

It was pointed out that section 37(1) of the Assessment Act provides that where lands used as farm lands and held in blocks of not less than five acres by any one person do not benefit to as great an extent by the expenditure of money on such services as do other landowners, council may pass a by-law exempting or partially exempting such farm lands from taxation for such services, including the above mentioned and also such services as lighting, and the oiling, tarring, treating for dust or watering of streets.

The finance committee had recommended that council not pass such a by-law as they did not feel there was any land in the township that qualified for any exemption under this section of the act. However, after listening to Mr. Brewin, council decided to consider the matter further.

The 1964 council declined to pass such a by-law and an appeal was made to a county judge who has not yet given his decision.

Supply Teacher Lack Troubles Markham No. 2

Problems facing the new Markham TSA 2 are many and one which requires immediate attention is the need to find a number of supply teachers to call on when regular staff members are ill. It was reported at the last meeting of the board that there had been few replies to the board's advertising for supply teachers.

At \$16 a day there must be lots of former teachers who would be glad to set away from housework for a change, if only we could find them," commented Chairman Elson Miles. In the meantime there is a minor scramble every time a teacher is ill.

Budget
At present the board is busy with 1965 budget figures. The township had asked to have the data by February 20 but board members doubted they can meet this deadline with all the changes involved in the amalgamation of 18 schools. There are new salary schedules to be agreed on, per pupil requisitions, insurance coverages, bus routes, maintenance, etc. and decisions on all these matters take time. The board has also received some 1964 bills from various schools.

New Flags
New maple leaf flags were not in evidence at the area schools by the official date, but the board has placed an order for 18 four and a half by two and a half foot flags with the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command. There is a new flagpole at the Mountjoy School and the \$200 price tag caused some raised eyebrows among board members.

Music Festival
Permission was given Music Supervisor William Busch to enter classes in the Ajax Music Festival this spring and also to arrange a concert at Markham District High School.

Trustee Mrs. Mildred Toogood stated that from her past year's association with the Unionville Public School Board she felt such concerts were beneficial to the pupils who take part. Other board members agreed. The remainder of the board meeting was taken up with discussing a variety of small problems.

It was reported that occasionally teachers have not been at schools when buses arrive in the morning and children had been obliged to stand outside in extremely cold or stormy weather. Teachers have been requested to be present when the buses arrive.

The board agreed to meet with Arnold Wadsworth to discuss the service offered by the York Co-operative Medical Services re teachers' policies.

The base for caretakers' salaries was scheduled for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

Salary schedules adopted at the February 2 committee meeting will be submitted to the principals with a copy for each teacher.

Requests for transfers of children from one school to another were considered. It is agreed that a survey will be made but it was decided that no changes could be made at present.

Water supplies have been checked at all schools and those requiring chlorination or well repairs will be attended to.

Poor drainage conditions at the Mark-Lee School are causing concern and would require immediate attention.

Approval was given for home instruction to be given to Charleen Milsted, 10-year-old Gormley accident victim who will be unable to attend school for some time.

Trustees Eldred King, Stuart Watson and Mrs. Toogood reported briefly on their attendance at the "Canadian Education Showplace" where they saw trends in educational equipment.

A letter was read from the principal of the Box Grove School, asking that the township roads department be contacted about poor roads in the vicinity of the school.

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