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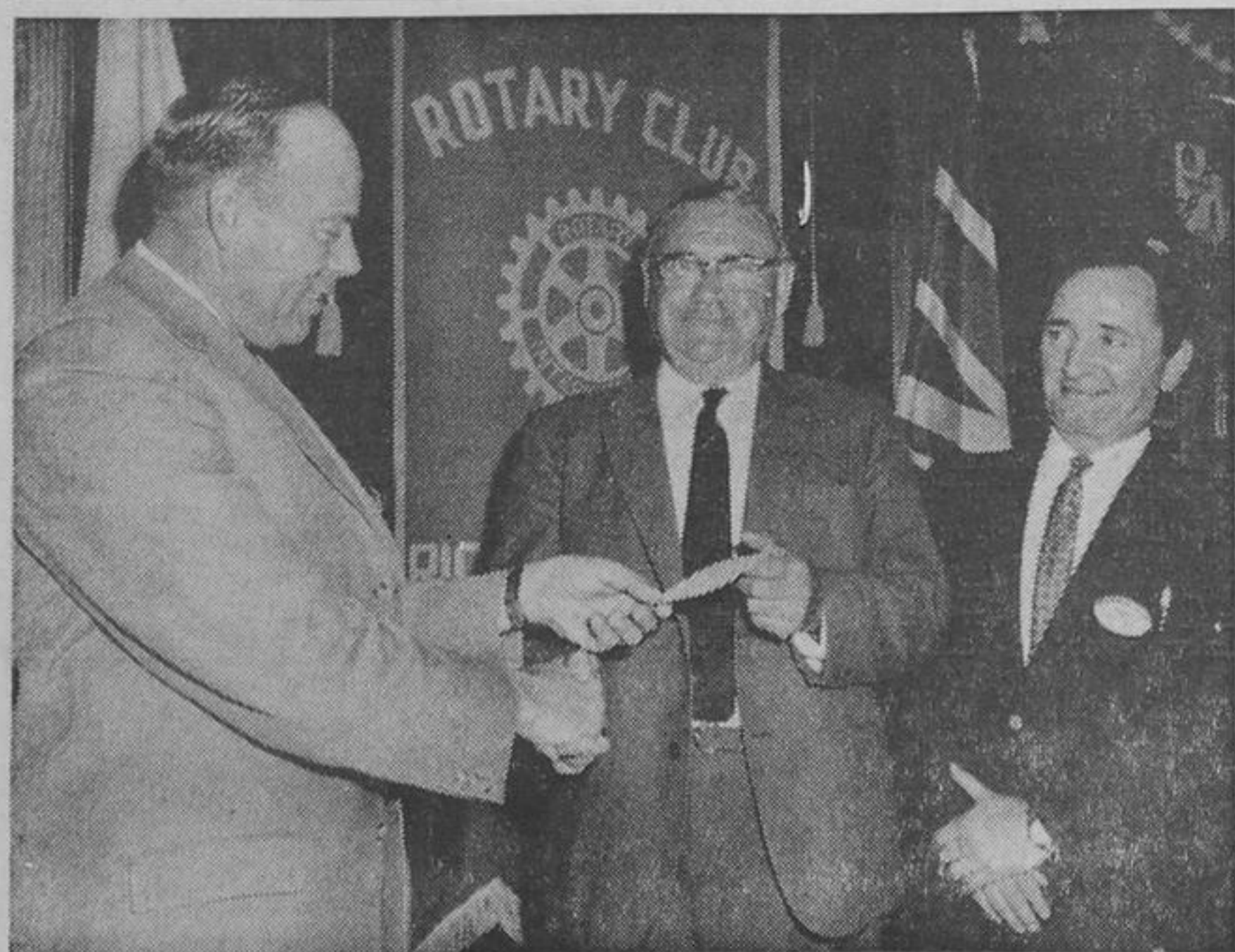
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Rotary Gift To Hospital

At the weekly meeting of Richmond Hill Rotary Club at the Summit View Gardens Restaurant Tuesday evening a feature was the presentation of a cheque for \$1,500 to York Central Hospital. The donation is in addition to \$1,000 previously donated.

Shown above Rotarian Joe Malboeuf (left) presents the cheque to J. E. Smith, chairman of board of trustees of the hospital in the presence of Rotary President Keith Sully.

In expressing sincere appreciation for the donation Mr. Smith on behalf of the hospital thanked Rotarians for their continued interest in the home hospital, and congratulated them on Rotary's many contributions to community welfare.

Spring Brings Forth Blades & Knives

It's not only spring that has come around, but spring knives and switch blades, according to Richmond Hill Police Chief, R. P. Robbins.

The chief said there were numbers of the blades reported in the area and issued a warning to those having anything to do with the lethal weapons.

He said that under the Criminal Code, it was an offence to buy, sell, trade or carry the knives. Anyone found guilty of any of these offences was liable to six months imprisonment, a \$500 fine or both.

Chief Robbins said anyone caught with either a switch blade or a spring knife would be prosecuted.

Hire New Planner

Ian Keith, 31, formerly of Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board, has been named planning director of Markham Township. He began his new duties Monday.

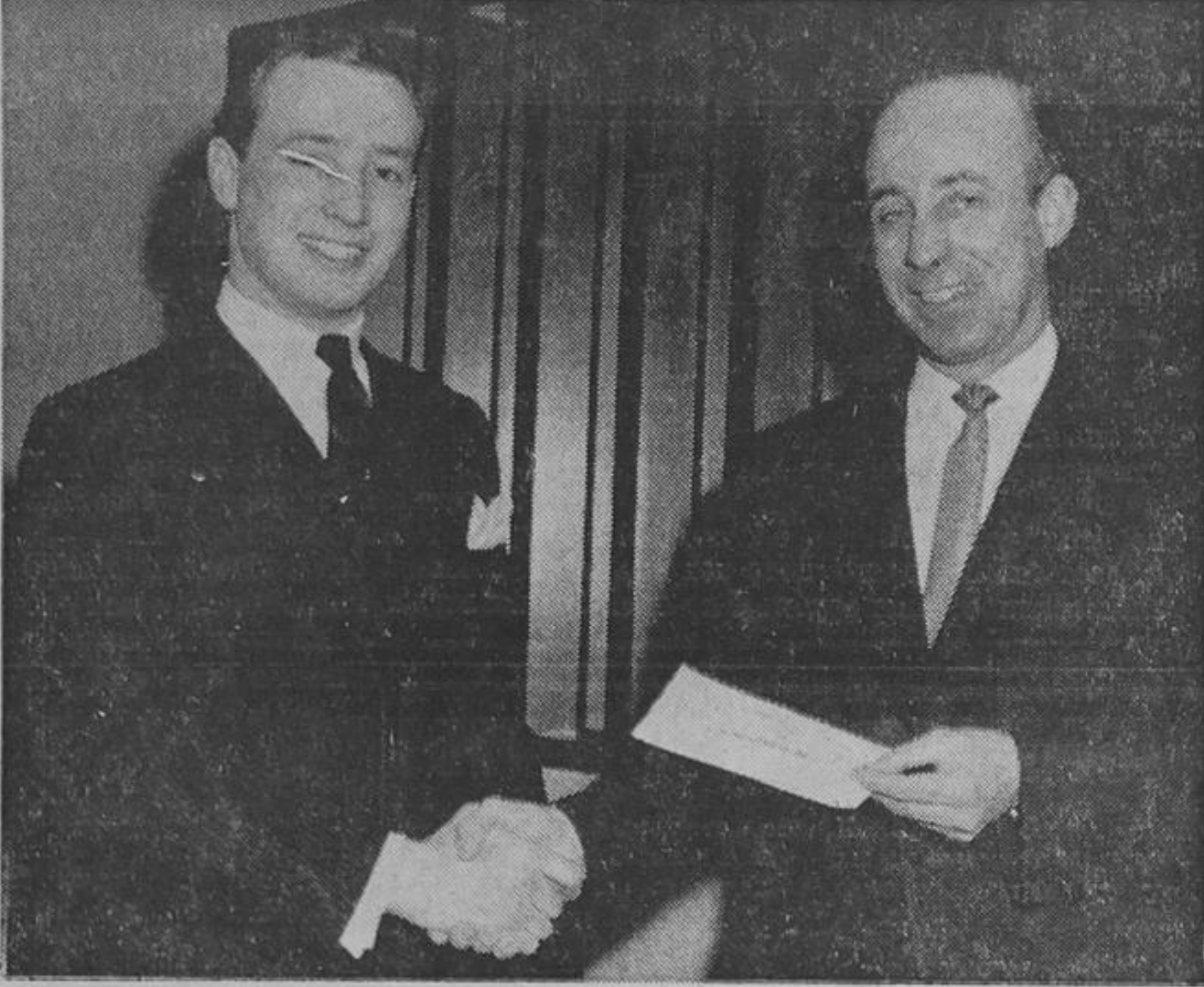
Mr. Keith succeeds Ron Forrest, who resigned in May, 1964 after seven years service to go to York Township. Since that time the post has been filled on an acting basis by John Bousfield of Procter, Redfern, Bresfield and Bacon, Toronto consulting engineers and town planners.

Although the township advertised for a new director a year ago, it was not until this year that a director was budgeted for. Mr. Keith was chosen from among numerous applicants at a starting salary of \$9,000.

An employee of the land use division of the Metro board for six-and-a-half years, Mr. Keith was born in Toronto and received his education at Upper Canada College, the University of Western Ontario and the University of Toronto.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Western and his diploma in town and regional planning at Toronto.

Mr. Keith, who makes his residence in North York, is married with one child.



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Aid Muscular Dystrophy

Michael Wilson (left), manager of the Richmond Inn Motor Hotel, presents a cheque to Honorary Treasurer Cam Smith for an educational fund for local muscular dystrophy patients. Mr. Smith is manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

On Friday night, Peter Donat, his wife Michael Learned, and other well-known theatrical personalities, will be taking part in a Muscular Dystrophy Theatre Night at the Curtain Club. The program will be followed by an auction of articles donated by residents and local merchants to help the committee reach their financial objective.

Rumble, Hoover Oppose Pay Increase

Members of Markham Township Council took a leaf out of the provincial Legislature's book, last week, and voted themselves a pay increase.

However, unlike the Ontario members, who made theirs in the form of an Easter bonus, the Markham councillors' increase had more of a Christmas tinge to it, being made effective as of January 1 of this year.

It was also slightly lower than those proposed in the provincial house, where members agreed to an annual bump of \$5,000.

The Markham increase called for a per diem (by day) rate of \$20 for councillors compared with the

former rate of \$18. The \$20 is paid for the number of days the members put in, and not the number of meetings they attend.

The reeve was granted an annual increase of \$200, raising him to \$3,700 from his former salary of \$3,500, plus \$300 per annum for his duties as a member of the industrial committee.

In speaking to the proposed raises, only Councillor Charles Hoover and Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble voted against it.

Mr. Rumble said the members knew what they were getting into when they ran for election last year. "We ran of our own free will and knew what the sal-

ary was," Mr. Rumble said. "I think we should be content to go along with it."

He said that Richmond Hill only paid \$16 per diem, Vaughan Township had a higher rate, and North York paid \$18 plus mileage.

He said he felt it was a fair rate for the councillors and also the reeve, although he realized he had "strenuous duties."

Reeve Charles Hooper said he didn't think members should feel "ashamed" about taking the raise.

"You're going all day," said the reeve, "and don't have any time to yourself. This (the reeveship) is not the kind of job every man

Four Mill Increase Council Cuts Rate

In common with most municipalities in Ontario, Richmond Hill is again this year faced with a substantial increase in the mill rate. The forecast is for an approximate four mill raise.

The finance committee of the council's finance committee, under the chairmanship of Reeve Donald Plaxton, has been hard at work compiling figures, whittling estimates and paring budgets in an effort to hold the tax line at as low a figure as possible.

When all budgets had been received from the various committees and boards, the total money requested would have raised the mill rate 10 mills. The 1965 mill is worth \$34,000, the 1964 mill was worth \$32,000.

Of this increase two mills is due to an increased county rate, where the introduction of a new assessment system has proved an expensive proposition. The mill rate for current purposes, as presented by York Central District High School Board, accounted for one and a half mill increase and the budget as presented by Richmond Hill Public School Board accounted for another two mills approximately.

At the March 29 council meeting, Chairman John Honsberger of the high school board promised to go over its budget to see if any deletions could be made in an effort to help keep taxes down. Reeve Donald

Plaxton, who chairs the town's finance committee, suggested elimination of the contingency fund, noting that development in Vaughan and Markham Townships and Richmond Hill would make a contingency fund this year in supplementary assessment from the municipalities.

On April 1 at a meeting of the council's finance committee of the whole Richmond Hill Public School Board's Chairman Walter Hutchinson, Finance Committee Chairman Jack Knott and Business Administrator Kenneth Turton presented that board's budget. After considering it in detail, it is reported, council asked the board to cut its budget, suggesting they remove \$70,000 from current expenses and place on debture. This would bring the board's 1965 mill rate to a little less than that of 1964.

In a statement issued by the board Monday, Business Administrator Turton told "The Liberal" that estimated expenditure for the year had been set at \$1,309,050.88, with a levy from local taxpayers of \$583,341.41.

This represented an increase of 16.8% over 1964, and an increase of 2.20 in the mill rate for commercial and industrial and 1.98 for residential.

The board will discuss proposed revisions at its regular meeting to-night (Thursday).

Reporting to a finance committee of the whole meeting Monday night that the works committee budget had been cut by \$77,000, that committee's chairman, Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins commented, "There'll be a day of reckoning. We can't keep on putting off some of this work indefinitely."

A meeting to set the 1965 tax rate for the town will be held next Tuesday at 9 a.m. after the high school board has had time to reconsider its budget at its meeting Monday evening.

Mkham. Twp. Files Letter Of Save

A letter from federal Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve, outlining the proposed move of two department research laboratories in Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township to Saul Ste. Marie, was filed by Markham Township Council with no action being taken on it. Council met Monday afternoon.

In speaking to the letter, which was not to the letter, Cleary Palmer said the laboratories would be better off where they were, close to the research facilities of the universities in the area.

"If they go, 70 families will be uprooted," Mr. Palmer said. "We sit back and do nothing. If a delegation is necessary, I'm for it."

Said Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble: "They (the government) have the authority in this matter."

"We have some authority, too," said Mr. Palmer. Councillor Charles Hoover said more information was needed and council agreed to file the letter.

Cancer Campaign

To a farmer, timing can be everything. Plowing, planting, harvesting, all of it — there's a right time for every operation. That means we have to work with one eye glued to the calendar.

Here it is April, cancer control month. This is the time one of your neighbours — a Canadian Cancer Society volunteer — will call on you, to give you a chance to do something about conquering the disease.

The organization that leads this fight — the Canadian Cancer Society — is supporting the greatest research battle in medical history. What you give can help directly to speed victory.

Second, the volunteer will give you advice about personal cancer protection. Give generously when a Canadian Cancer Society volunteer — your neighbour — calls on you.

Quota for the unit for 1965 is \$22,500 and for Richmond Hill Branch is \$7,800.

Two Go To Hospital Following Accident

Two men were treated for minor injuries at York Central Hospital and then released following an accident on Highway 11 in Richvale, April 1, about 8 p.m.

Treated were Albert George Leith, 16th Avenue, Thornhill, driver of one of the cars, and Henry Lawrence Dorkin, Scarborough, driver of the other vehicle.

No other details of the accident, which was investigated by Bond Lake OPP, were available.

Inside 'The Liberal'

The controversial film, "Mr. Pearson," was shown locally last week at a meeting of the York North Progressive Conservative Association in King City. In the audience was "The Liberal's" roving reporter, Jim Irving, who has recorded for our readers his own personal impressions of the film, produced by Dick Ballentine originally for showing on CBC television. Turn to Page 13 for this special feature.

In the same article C. A. "Tiny" Cathers, former Conservative Member of Parliament for York North makes some interesting comments concerning Tory Leader John Diefenbaker.

Hill Girl In Alabama March

A few days ago, we were following the history-making civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, with great interest, even though we did not know at that time that a 16-year-old girl from Richmond Hill was a participant.



SHARON COWAN

Sharon Cowan, daughter of Mrs. Helen Cowan, 228 Mill Street, a grade 11 student at Richmond Hill High School, accepted the challenge offered by John Morgan, minister of the First Unitarian Congregation on St. Clair Avenue, Toronto, to show the southern negro that his fight for civil liberty is supported by Canadians.

A carload of five persons, including Sharon left Toronto on March 23 at 6 a.m.

and returned home March 27 at 9:30 p.m. Although admitting to feeling fear during the march when the hostility of the southern white population became very evident, Sharon is quite willing, even anxious to return to Selma — and hopes to get there this summer to continue her support of the Civil Rights fight. She admits there are things in Canada, especially where our Indian population is concerned that could do with some constructive interest by Canadians as a whole, but points out that the southern negro's plight must come first as it is the most pressing.

Sharon paints a vivid word picture of her trip to Selma in her own story which appears on Page 5 of this issue.

High Cost Of Education

The high cost of education was debated for more than an hour Monday afternoon between Markham Township Council and York Central District High School Board, with both sides emerging unanimous on at least one thing: costs are soaring and there's still no end in sight.

Despite their conclusions, however, council approved the board's budget and two applications for debentures for improvements at Richmond Hill High School and Thornhill Secondary School.

The school board still has the last say," said Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble.

The budget called for a levy of \$416,417 from the township, or a mill rate of 28.3 residential and 31.4 commercial and industrial.

Last year's rate was 24.8 residential and 27.6 industrial. The debentures are for \$60,444 for a one-storey brick addition to the Thornhill school, and \$131,000 for a two-storey brick addition to the Richmond Hill school.

Last week when the two applications came up in council for approval, the deputy-reeve suggested the board be asked to appear before council to discuss them further.

Monday's meeting was the result, with Board Chairman John Honsberger and Markham representatives, Norman Tyndall and William Masters and Business Administrator George Tindal and Superintendent Sam Chapman in attendance.

Mr. Honsberger said the increase in mill rate was the first in two years and was the result of several things: both teachers' salaries and staff members had increased, more students were taking technical courses, which were more cost-

ly, assessment per student was going down each year, with \$21,500 behind each student this year, compared with \$34,000 in 1959, capital expenditures were up.

He said, however, that capital expenditures and administration costs were still lower than the provincial average, and costs per student were lower than Metropolitan Toronto.

"I can't find any comparison to show we're extravagant," said Mr. Honsberger. "While the enrolment has gone up, our assessment per pupil has gone down."

He said, also, there were less dropouts because of technical programs and stress on education. While it cost \$800 a year to educate a technical student, the expense was more than justified by the amount that would eventually be spent in welfare if such students were without skills.

Summer classes to prepare grade eight marginal students for high school were another reason for increased costs.

"Is it the obligation of the public schools to make students ready for high school?" asked Mr. Rumble.

Mr. Honsberger said that once the students left elementary schools, they were "our students."

Mr. Rumble said the mill rate had gone up from eight to 28 in the last 10 years and that soon it

would be impossible to farm.

"Do you think it will go another 20 in the next 10 years?" Mr. Rumble asked.

Mr. Honsberger said he couldn't answer that at that time, but admitted some "serious changes" would have to be made. It was going to come down to which was more necessary, education or roads.

He said costs were going to "spiral out of sight," and an economist had predicted "unimagined expenditure."

Said Councillor Cleary Palmer: "Without education, you create bad times... We are forced into it, if we want to survive and proceed."

"It seems to me the tax structure needs complete overhauling somewhere along the line," said Councillor Charles Hoover.

When asked by Reeve Charles Hooper if the board would have another surplus (1964's was \$114,000) Mr. Honsberger said it wouldn't, that "once bitten, twice shy."

He did not elaborate, however, on how another surplus would be avoided, but suggested that council and the board get together to "consider the whole picture."

Mr. Honsberger said a five-year plan was needed so that both sides could work at keeping the costs down.

The board agreed to a meeting in the near future, but suggested that the other three municipalities involved — Richmond Hill, Vaughan Township and Woodbridge — also attend.

In speaking of the applications for the debentures, Mr. Honsberger said more space



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Merchant Of The Year

John Pless (left above), proprietor of Bennett's Home Textiles, receives "Merchant of the Year for 1964" award from Bert Grant Jr. at Richmond Heights Centre. This award is made annually by the owners of the centre to the merchant who shows the greatest increase in gross sales over the previous year.

The colourful third section of this week's edition of "The Liberal" features outstanding Easter specials by the merchants at the Centre. Free novelties and

Easter eggs will be given away this weekend.

Shoppers at Richmond Heights Centre know that there they always get good value for their money—and mothers have discovered that it is possible to make the baby bonus cheque go three times as far there. Simply cash your cheque at a member store during this month and you may be the lucky mother who will receive triple the amount of her cheque at the end of this month.