



Bing Lew (second from left) with evident pride, holds a plaque and scroll just presented to him by Lion Doug Boyd (extreme left) at the annual Lions Christmas party December 16. Mrs. Lew (centre) holds the roses presented to her by Mrs. Cliff Bennett (extreme right) while Lion President Cam Cowan looks on approvingly.

(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

### Lions Honor Bing Lew With Citizens Award

Children from the Orange Home and the Lions' families were feasted and entertained before Santa Claus arrived at the party. Lion Boyd, on behalf of the Richmond Hill Lions Club, presented Bing Lew with a "Citizens Award". This award is given by Lions Clubs to citizens who have contributed to the community's betterment and it is recognized by the whole community that Bing is a very deserving recipient. Since his arrival in Richmond Hill, Bing has always been one of the first to help financial drives — for the hospital, artificial ice, ball park lights, swimming pools, majorettes, minor hockey and other sports; all projects for the service of people in the community. Not only has he been a leader in many enterprises, but he has for years entertained school groups, children from the Orange Home, senior citizens, retarded children and other groups in a very unassuming way. He truly is a very kind and thoughtful individual who always has the talent of making all those who know him feel better and happier. Even when ill or in hospital this ever-

### Board Hindered By Red Tape

(Continued from Page 1) to refuse approval to a project. His second alternative was that a letter of intent, subject to the approval of the OMB, be sent to the contractor. "This puts the onus on Stephenson to play ball with the board," he said. The letter would indicate to the contractor that the board desired to award the tender and would do so as soon as the OMB approval was received. Chairman John Honsberger felt that Stephenson would accept this. "He's on a school board himself. He knows how things are," he said.

Mr. Tindal felt this would allow the contractor to prepare working drawings and reserve materials. He also pointed out, however, that if an actual contract were not signed, Stephenson had a right to withdraw his tender.

Although he felt there was no possibility of getting even an appointment with the OMB by December 22, Trustee Morley Kinnee moved that the letter of intent, subject to OMB approval be sent to the contractor, and this was carried.

Mr. Tindal advised that he was going to Markham Township municipal offices the next morning to pick up the request for approval and take it personally to the OMB. Chairman John Honsberger offered to go with him and it was suggested that Markham Township Solicitor J. D. Lucas be asked to accompany them, to see if the OMB could be induced to act quickly on the matter.

Superintendent Sam Chapman suggested that it might be possible to get assurance from the OMB that it wouldn't take punitive action if the board went ahead and awarded the contract.

Another reason for quick action on the plan is that if 95% of the work on the project is completed before March 31, it may be financed under the Municipal Works Assistance Program.

Under this program, a forgiveness clause provides that the full amount borrowed does not have to be repaid, which would save the board several thousand dollars.

### Obituary

#### Music Supervisor H. G. Fowler Dies Suddenly On Christmas Day

Music Supervisor Herman George Fowler, ATCM, Richmond Hill Public Schools, died suddenly at his home in Newmarket on Christmas Day.

The funeral service was held Tuesday in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newmarket, where Mr. Fowler was organist and leader of the adult and junior choirs. Interment followed in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ethel Henstock, RN of St. Catharines, three nieces, Mrs. Anna Doyle of Toronto, Mrs. Doris Wilson of Stratford, Mrs. Ethel Warren of Scarborough and a nephew Harold S. Soper of Guelph.

Mr. Fowler began teaching music in the public and high schools in Newmarket in 1945. In 1953-4 when there was only one public school in Richmond Hill, he was hired as a part-time music teacher, sharing his time between Newmarket and Richmond Hill schools.

As the Richmond Hill public school system grew and the work load became heavier he became a full-time employee of the local board in 1957 and since that time has been music supervisor of the six public schools.

In his early years here citizens looked forward each year to his musical concerts in Richmond Hill Arena, with a varied

program of good music presented by massed choirs. For the past two years he has arranged a May program by massed choirs from the public schools in Bayview Secondary School auditorium and had arrangements for a third concert in May 1966 well underway. His choice of music was always enjoyed by the children and also added to their knowledge of and appreciation of good music.

Mr. Fowler also had many private pupils, but following an illness last year gave up most of these to concentrate on his school and choir work.

He held a bachelor of music degree and his prestige as a musician was not confined to the York County communities in which he taught. As an annual pleasure, for many years he accepted an invitation from the Toronto Board of Education to assist in adjudicating at its spring music festival.

Paying tribute to Mr. Fowler, Superintendent Gordon McIntyre stated, "We are not going to replace him easily. He was more widely and more favorably known to the children in Richmond Hill's public schools than any other member of the staff. The children knew and liked

him because he was always pleasant and introduced a little humor into his teaching." The retiring age of the Richmond Hill board had been set at 65, but the board, appreciating that Mr. Fowler still had much to offer the children in his care, had given him a three-year extension.

### York Central High School Teachers Are Highly Rated By Department Of Education

Members of York Central District High School Board were gratified to learn last week that once again, for the fourth year in succession, the rating given to their teachers by the Department of Education's inspector had moved upwards.

While the inspector's detailed report has not yet been received by the board, Superintendent Chapman revealed that the system's teacher rating had moved up to 4.84 this year. Last year the best rating in the province was 4.80 and Mr. Chapman said that the highest such rating he had ever seen was 4.90.

York Central's rating has moved up from 4.32 in 1962-3 to 4.61 the next year and 4.71 last year.

"Good teaching is the key to everything else," said Mr. Chapman. "We have concentrated on this and now consider that Phase 1 is complete. In Phase 2, on the basic assumption that we have teachers as good as in the province, we must make a big effort at the top and bottom of the scale. We have not been doing complete justice to the most able

and the least able students in our schools," he continued, "but have perhaps made more progress at the bottom. We now intend to put more heat — perhaps it would be better to say light — on these two areas."

Board Chairman John Honsberger, noting that the York Central system was now in the top handful in the province respecting the quality of its teachers, commented that both the board and the communities which it serves are obligated to the leadership and inspiration given by Mr. Chapman.

"More than anyone else, he is responsible for the almost phenomenal progress that this board has made in the past few years," said Mr. Honsberger, and added, that he wanted to say publicly what board members all said privately.

Mr. Honsberger's statement was met with warm applause and Trustee E. W. Snider added, "The money we spend for Mr. Chapman's salary is the best money spent by this board — and I was against it at the start."



(Photo by Studio Nine)

### Honor Fair President

Past president cufflinks were presented to Lloyd Beatty by President Graeme Bales at the annual banquet of Richmond Hill Agricultural Society held at the Richmond Inn December 3. The event was attended by members of the society, their wives and husbands.

County Agricultural Representative A. A. Wall and Mrs. Wall of Newmarket were among the more than 50 guests who enjoyed dinner, dancing and cards.

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