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## Bing Lew, Richmond Hill's Leading Citizen, Died Saturday After 17 Years Service To Community

Friend of little children, generous supporter of all efforts to benefit Richmond Hill, successful businessman and a good citizen. This was Bing Lew, proprietor of the Town Inn, who died in York Central Hospital early Saturday morning.

Born in China, Mr. Lew came to Canada as a young boy 57 years ago and grew up in Port Alberni on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He lived for a time in Victoria and Vancouver before coming to Ontario, where he worked in Peterborough and Lindsay before coming to Richmond Hill in 1949, when he purchased a local restaurant at 51 Yonge Street South.

As the business prospered, a few years later Mr. Lew built a fine new restaurant at 30 Yonge Street South on the site of the century-old Rustic Inn and named it the

"Town Inn". Later he purchased the former Lauder Glass property to the south and opened a take out service for Chinese food, under the management of his son Foa Lew. This spring he constructed an addition to the Town Inn to house this branch of the business.

Through the 17 years Mr. Lew has been in Richmond Hill, he has been a most generous contributor to every campaign for funds, he has sponsored teams in minor ball and hockey house leagues and in girls' softball and he has entertained the children of the Orange Home and the children of Thornhaven School annually at a Christmas party and at a summer picnic.

During recent years he has been honored by many organizations for his good citizenship — by the Lions, the Rotarians, the Jaycees, the

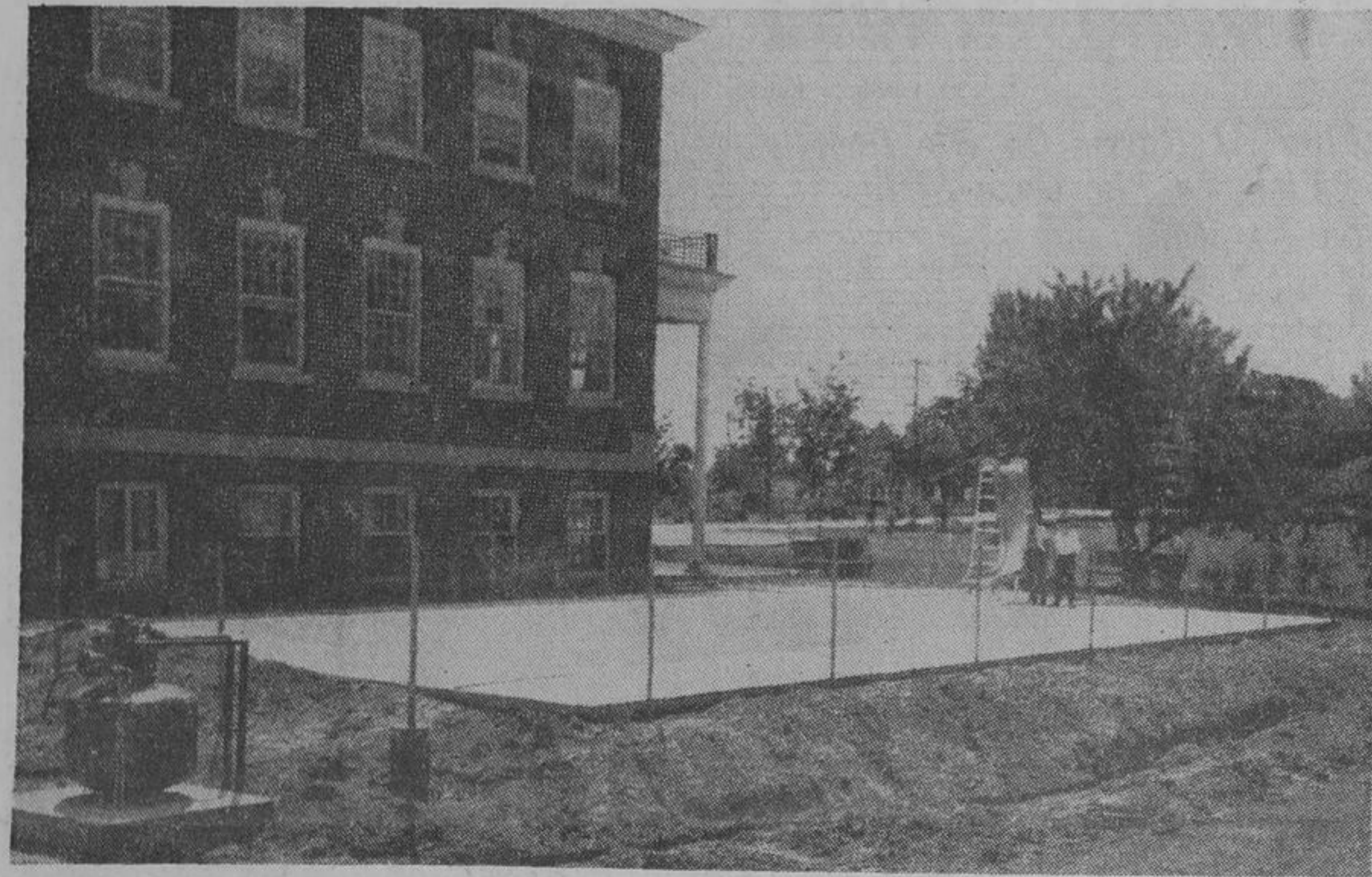


LATE BING LEW

Civilians, by Thornhaven School and by the Orange Home. Recognizing his contribution to the town as a citizen, this summer Richmond Hill Town Council declared July 7 Bing Lew Day, the only time in the town's history that a citizen has been so honored.

On that day, a campaign for funds to carry out Mr. Lew's latest project, a swimming pool at the LTB&O Home, was initiated. Mr. Lew made the first contribution of \$1,500 to this \$5,500 project and service organizations, the town council and his many friends are joining in making this Bing Lew Swimming Pool a reality.

Surviving are his wife, the former Winnie Chew, sons Foa and Sammy and daughter April, all of Richmond Hill, a son Hem in China and a daughter Kam in Hong Kong, and 12 grandchildren.



Paul Tulonen and Doug Gardiner of the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home are shown above inspecting the Bing Lew Swimming Pool recently installed through the efforts of their good friend, Bing Lew who started a campaign to raise the necessary \$5,500 early in July.

The late Mr. Lew started the campaign off with a generous donation of \$1,500 and a committee organized by him has managed to collect almost enough money to pay the entire cost. However they are slightly short of their target.

Anyone wishing to pay tribute to a man who has done much for this community is asked to send a donation to the Bing Lew Pool Fund c/o Ken Brown, Guaranty Trust Company, 44 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill.

### Vandals Upset Headstones

Wesley Middleton, superintendent of Richmond Hill Cemetery, reported to "The Liberal" Tuesday that vandals had tipped over several headstones in the cemetery this weekend. This is not an isolated instance, he says, but has been going on all summer on the weekends. Although Mr. Middleton has made several trips to the cemetery at odd hours on the weekend he has not been able to catch the vandals at work.

He believes those responsible do not realize that their moments of fun cause a great deal of work for him and helpers in setting the stones back on their base. Many of these headstones mark the last resting places of pioneers of this district, whose labors in the wilderness made possible the development of this community. They should be treated with respect. If damaged they cannot be replaced and a link with our historic past will be lost forever.

## No Settlement In Sight Vaughan Police And Fire Pay Goes To Arbitration

Salary negotiations with both police and fire associations in Vaughan Township have been dragging on since the beginning of the year with no settlement yet in sight.

It has been decided that the police agreement will go to arbitration and the Vaughan Township Police Commission has appointed S. E. Dinsdale, QC to represent it.

Brampton solicitor William Mackie will represent the policemen's association and the two appointees will together choose a third member to sit with them.

Since the beginning of the year, police business in Vaughan Township has been in the hands of a three-man commission consisting of Judge Garth

\$340 per year increase offered by the police commission is not even a third of the increase in the cost of living over the past year. Qualifications for Vaughan Township police are the same as for members of Metro Toronto forces. The Police Act specifies a grade 10 education minimum and force members must be physically fit at all times, either on or off duty.

The situation with the township firefighters is much the same, although for the first time negotiations are being carried on by the newly formed Vaughan Township Firefighters' Association. This group was chartered in March of this year and is affiliated with the Provincial Federation of Ontario (Continued on Page 15)

### Council Urges Action

Paving Elgin Mills Rd. Richmond Hill Council will pen a letter to Markham Township urging work to start on the paving of the gravelled portion of Elgin Mills Sideroad East.

Decision came off a motion by Councillor Ivan Mansbridge which got by council by a 3-2 margin. Voting in favor were Deputy-reeve Perkins and Councillors Mansbridge and Lazenby. Opposed were Councillors MacDiarmid and Hancey. Mr. Mansbridge represents Ward 1 which is bordered on the north side by Elgin Mills Sideroad which lies in Markham Township.

Mr. Mansbridge has been plumping for the completion of the paving since he entered council at the beginning of the year. Richmond Hill's share of the cost was budgeted for early in the year.

The question was first broached last December when council's work committee recommended that the 1966 council be asked to approve its request that Markham complete paving on the road at a cost of \$25,000 to Richmond Hill.

Council approved the recommendation to have the '66 council consider it which it did and approved the project by a majority vote.

### Appliance Repair Depot Guttled \$20,000 In Contents Destroyed

The brick veneer walls and a few charred timbers are all that remain standing following a fire which broke out at 2 am last Sunday morning at 7315 Yonge Street, Doncaster.

The property at the corner of Glencameron and Yonge Streets was occupied by Clarke's Electrical Repair Service and the building, which has hand hewn timbers is said to have sheltered fleeing U.S. infantrymen following the raid on York in 1813.

Ken Clarke who operates the electrical repair business reported that he passed the building at 10 minutes before two in the morning. Although there was no one around his premises then, he did notice a young man washing his car at the coin wash property next door and would like to contact him if possible.

A neighbor across the road, up with a sick baby, reports seeing young boys around the property shortly before the fire broke out, throwing things at the building.

As well as tools and equipment, a number of articles in for repair were destroyed by the fire. Among these were 20 commercial washing machines which had just been rebuilt and refinished and were ready to go back to the owner.

Because the building was so old, Mr. Clarke could not afford insurance on it. Contents were valued at about \$20,000.

Mr. Clarke has set up a temporary office in the back of his truck and will carry on his business from there. About 90% of his service involves work in customers' homes, which he will still be able to carry on.

The salary schedule offered by the police commission specifies \$4,900 for a probationary constable; \$5,300 for a third class constable; \$5,650 for second class; \$6,100 for first class; \$6,300 for an acting sergeant; \$6,700 for a sergeant and \$7,000 for a staff sergeant.

When the last salary schedule was negotiated several years ago, the men agreed to a flat salary with no payment for court attendance and no days off to replace free time spent in court.

Now however, the Vaughan Township Police Association has asked for pay for overtime and attendance in court as well as a salary increase.

Constable Doug Miles, who is head of the police association, reports that while the men realize they have always been paid higher than neighboring forces, they also feel they are one of the best departments in the area.

Mr. Miles further reports that the approximately

### Invite Objectors To Meet Council

Six persons objecting to rezoning of property at the corner of Church Street South and Markham Road to permit office use will be invited to air their views before council.

The property is currently occupied by a Woodlane Developments Limited structure originally designed for a doctor's clinic which will now be located in quarters closer to the York Central Hospital. The area is residential and prohibits business office usage.

Planning board has already recommended the zoning change to council.

Councillor Lois Hancey said she didn't believe in "acting in haste but also I don't want to hold the matter up. I would suggest that council should see the six objectors before considering a rezoning bylaw".

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst said it could be before council or a committee of the whole.

Mrs. Hancey favored a committee meeting.

## Council Sad Over Refuse Pick-up, Too Many Sofas, Higher Costs

Richmond Hill's monthly refuse pick-up service to local residences is coming up with treasures other than garden waste and leaves and it's costing too much money.

Unwanted treasures such as old chisterles, washing machines, stoves, and in some cases trees.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst brought the matter up at last week's council meeting when a finance report for the first half of the year revealed that \$11,000 had already been spent in the pick-up out of the annual budget amount of \$16,000.

Richmond Hill pays Vaughan Township so much per load and the content of some of the material picked up has meant two trips in a number of cases to clear all the stuff.

"The pickup was originally intended," he said, "as an adjunct to the regular garbage

service and was designed to take garden trash and various other little odd items.

"Already," he said, "we've spent three quarters of the year's budget and it's only the first half of the year completed. Something has to be done."

Councillor Lois Hancey noted that town employees having to make continual return trips to residences to get all the refuse are "not available for doing vital road repairs and other town work."

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins pointed out that one reason for the increase was the upping of the price of handling the refuse by Vaughan Township.

"It was \$2 per load when we set the budget figures," he said, "and since then it's been upped to \$4.50 a load. We knew nothing about it. That has affected the cost to a great extent, too."

Mr. Perkins also said he would hate to see dead elm

trees left lying on property as "an eye-sore but some residences just can't afford to do it themselves. It costs about \$100 to have an elm cut up and hauled away."

The deputy-reeve added an aside stating "I don't know where all the refrigerators and washing machines come from. Some people have more of them lying around than I've had in a lifetime. It seems some of them might come from other people who leave them there because they know they'll be picked up and disposed of. It saves them doing it."

"I think the service is a very valuable one and therefore I hate to see people abuse it."

Councillor Ivan Mansbridge said if there was any suggestion of cutting the service "rate-payers should be warned well in advance."

Mr. Perkins said residents could help themselves by regu-

## \$3,000 Taken In Golf Club Theft

A break-in at Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club sometime Sunday night, or early Monday morning, resulted in the theft of more than \$3,000 worth of goods, Vaughan Township Police reported.

Police said entry was made by breaking a window on the west side of the clubhouse. Once in, the thieves attempted to blow the safe, but succeeded only in damaging the door.

Golf balls, clubs and articles of clothing were among the articles taken.

The break-in was discovered at 5:20 am by Police Constable Wayne Gibson.

Police also reported the theft of two cars over the weekend. The first was taken from Pinecrest Speedway July 31.

A 1965 Chevrolet, it was owned by Claude Murray, of Welland.

The second, a 1959 Chevrolet, owned by North End Auto Body, Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, was taken from the lot at Mayes Service Station, RR 1, Richmond Hill.

## Plan \$30,000 Machine, Vaughan Dump

Although there is no money in the budget for it and two members of council were opposed, Vaughan Township Council decided at a special committee meeting held last Friday morning to buy a piece of equipment to move refuse at the municipal dump. Cost could be anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Councillors Warren Bryce and Dalton McArthur were opposed to the purchase of the equipment since Metro has been made responsible for waste disposal throughout the Metro planning area, which includes Vaughan Township, as of next January.

Both Mr. Bryce and Mr. McArthur felt that council should wait until that time to see just what is going to happen. They felt that the present rented machine could be used the rest of this year.

For the first six months of the year, receipts at the dump totalled \$16,229 while expenditures totalled \$17,796. This included \$12,987 for rental of a loader and bulldozer.

Noting that expenses were approximately \$2,200 per month, Mr. McArthur produced figures to show that a machine and operator could be rented for \$1,850 per month and that a truck to be used in conjunction with the bulldozer would cost another \$100 for a total of \$1,950 per month.

However, Councillor Bryce produced a formula used by the Department of Highways and given to him by the Ontario Road Builders' Association which produced a cost of \$2,324 per month for the use of a \$32,000 machine.

With a life expectancy of 10,000 hours, such a machine would cost \$3.20 per hour;

insurance, storage, etc. were computed at the basis of 60% of the delivered price and would cost 80¢ per hour; repairs based on 100% of depreciation cost would amount to \$3.20 per hour; fuel oil at 4 gallons per hour, 72¢; grease, oil, filters, etc. 20¢ per hour and wages for an experienced operator, \$2.50 per hour.

This brought the total cost to \$11.62 per hour and with an estimated 20 1/2 hours working time per month produces the total cost of \$2,324 per month.

"If your figures are right, how are these contractors making any money?" asked Reeve A. H. Rutherford, referring to contractors who had been doing the work at \$10 per hour.

"That is why we are having trouble, they all want more hours," replied Mr. Bryce. However, Councillor Mc-

Arthur pointed out that at a previous meeting, it had been decided to buy a machine and although he personally did not agree with the step, urged that the decision be made between a rubber tired or caterpillar type machine.

Reeve Rutherford and Deputy-reeve Garnet Williams had travelled to Midland the day before and were impressed by the performance of a rubber-tired machine there. However, it was pointed out that such a machine would be helpless in the winter on an icy slope.

It was decided to get more detailed specifications and prices on different machines before reaching a decision. The clerk was requested to get figures and also investigate the possibility of a rental purchase scheme where the machine would not be purchased outright this year.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Happy 100th Birthday Mrs. McConaghy

Mrs. L. M. McConaghy celebrated her 100th birthday on July 28 and on July 30 was honored at the home of her grandson, Ralph J. McConaghy and his wife Jeanne at 26 Centre Street West, where she had made her home for 60 years. For the past five years she has lived at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rolph McConaghy, Thurston Rd., Toronto.

Mrs. McConaghy received guests in a pioneer country garden setting, at the rear of her former home, from 2 to 4 pm, and present were many friends and past students who signed her guest book in remembrance of the occasion.

Pictured above during the afternoon are (left to right) front row: Dr. John Brett Langstaff, Mrs. F. Duncaen, Mrs. McConaghy, Dr. Lillian Langstaff, Dr. Rolph Langstaff, Mrs. McConaghy's brother, who is in his 98th year; rear row, Councillor Lois Hancey, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, Mrs. H. Unger, Mrs. Dorothy Fowler, Roy Plewman, Mrs. Herberta Plewman, Alex Campbell, Rolph Langstaff, James Grainger, Dr. James Langstaff and Harold Sanderson.

The town's representatives, Mayor Broadhurst and Councillor Hancey, presented Mrs. McConaghy with a gold pin of the town crest and a large bouquet of roses from Al Rice and Harold McE. Harold Sanderson represented the Richmond Hill Public School Board and Alex Campbell the Richmond Hill Public Library. A cheque for \$50 was presented from the town and a matching donation from the public school board.

Mrs. McConaghy taught public school in Richmond Hill for more than 40 years, part of that time in the school on Yonge Street, which

now bears her name. She retired 26 years ago when she was 74, but was called on to help as a substitute teacher during World War II and actually taught her last class when she was 82.

The birthday lady was born in Richmond Hill in 1866. Her husband was a doctor in Midland, and she was widowed when young. She returned to Richmond Hill and to teaching and raised a family of four sons and a daughter.

The two cheques mentioned above were turned over to Mr. Campbell to initiate a teachers' reference section in the public library to become a perpetual reminder of the services Mrs. McConaghy gave this community during her teaching career.

A family reunion was held from 5 to 8 pm with many relatives, including her brother, Dr. Rolph Langstaff and his wife, Dr. Lillian Langstaff and daughter Carol, and son Dr. Jim Langstaff and his wife Barbara. Also present were her cousin, the Rev. John Brett Langstaff and his wife Phyllis and their son McVieker from Morrisstown, New Jersey, Mrs. McConaghy's sons, Rolph C. McConaghy and his wife Sarah of Toronto and their daughter Mary Patricia Hobin and her husband, George, and their three sons, Christopher, Michael and Danny of Whitby; Frank McConaghy and his wife Veda and daughter Shirley of Richmond Hill; C. Alex McConaghy of Richmond, Virginia, his wife Madge and son Hugh and his wife Kay and two children, Jeff and Ruth, also from Richmond; Stanley McConaghy and his wife Annabelle and daughter Ruth; Ida McConaghy, a niece; and Olive and Harry Dawn and their son Roy from Burlington.

By her side through the day was a first cousin, Mrs. A. E. Duncaen of Willowdale, the former Anne Bohn, and her daughters Jean and Anne.