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21 Awards At Thornhill Commencement

The valedictorian at Thornhill Secondary School's 11th commencement exercises, Wendy Mitchinson is shown above flanked by, left, Principal John W. Kippen and right, A. P. Gordon, assistant to the president of the University of Waterloo who addressed the graduates. Far right is York Central District High School Board Chairman John D. Honsberger who brought greetings from the board.

By MARGARET McLEAN

"Harness your hostilities, use your anger constructively," was the advice of A. P. Gordon, newly-appointed assistant to the president of the University of Waterloo, in addressing graduates of Thornhill Secondary School at the 11th commencement exercises, held October 21.

People try to pretend that they are motivated only by "good" emotions, said Mr. Gordon, but they are also motivated by hate, greed and anger. "It is foolish to try to ignore these other emotions," he suggested. "If we harness our hostilities, we can use them to brighten up our whole life."

In conclusion, he advised, "Let's get mad at the right things, the things that count. Don't get annoyed about things you can't change, there are plenty of things you can change."

The prayer of invocation opening the meeting was given by D. Foley, a member of the school staff for 10 years. Principal J. W. Kippen addressed the students briefly and welcomed former principal A. S. Elson who was among the platform guests.

Greetings from York Central District High School Board were given by its chairman, John Honsberger. The board was pleased with what they saw and felt at the school, he said and congratulated the students on making it one of the best and most progressive schools in the province.

Valedictorian Wendy Mitchinson in her farewell address to the school and her fellow students stressed that they had all been lucky to attend Thornhill Secondary, a good school with high scholastic and athletic standards and a high standard of teachers. The cultural and aesthetic ideals they had acquired were more important than the facts they had learned, she felt and hoped that the students had all learned tolerance.

"We must not hold unquestioningly fast to our own ideas," she concluded. "The world is a subtle blend of greys and we must respect others' ideas and beliefs."

On behalf of the school's 10th graduating class, Bill Regech presented to the school a plaque to be hung in the new A.S. Elson library, recently completed, and bearing a quotation from Cicero beginning "Books are the food of youth and the solace of age". This was accepted on behalf of the school by Mrs. H. Furse, a Latin teacher, who confessed that it was her favorite quotation.

As well as making the valedictory address, Miss Mitchinson made other frequent trips to the platform to accept awards. These included the high school board's award for general proficiency, presented by Mr. Honsberger in recognition of her 86.5% average last year. This was \$100 and a book. She also received the Morley Kinnee Plaque for proficiency in English, the Helen Furse Memorial Prize in Latin, the A. S. Elson award for proficiency, a framed Ontario Scholarship certificate, and a gold pin for obtaining first class honors for five years from the Societas Honoris.

KESWICK: A three-year-old Schnauzer dog, owned by Hugh McLeod, dog catcher for North Cwillingbury Township, has been lost since early in the month when Mr. McLeod left him behind at the township dump. The dog is described as a male, with short-cropped curly hair, grey, with heavy whiskers and floppy ears.

Also receiving Ontario Scholarship certificates were David Proulx, William Perks, John Steffler and David Wright.

W. A. Doherty, vice-president of the Beamish Construction Company presented the company's prize in mathematics to David Wright and Robert Willson who had tied with 88.2%.

The D. Foley prize in history was presented by Mr. Foley to John Steffler who obtained 92% in that subject.

Societas Honoris gold pins were also presented to Carolyn DeMarco, William Perks, Joan Pisini, David Proulx and David Wright. Silver pins signifying first class honors for four years were presented to Paul Henry, Dirk Jorens, Jim Kirky, Jane Raven and David Riley, while Cathy Murgaski received a bronze pin for obtaining honors for three years.

Although they were not presented, it was announced by Principal J. W. Kippen that Wendy Mitchinson, Joan Pisini, William Perks, Jane Raven, David Riley and David Wright had all received university entrance scholarships.

A total of 99 students qualified for their honor graduation diplomas (grade 13) and these were presented by Mr. Gordon, assisted by J. Kajioka of the school staff.

There were 12 graduates of the four year business and commerce course and these diplomas were presented by Trustee H. S. Leybourne of the high school board, assisted by W. Freeman, head of the commercial department.

W. W. Wynn was assisted by R. Templeton, head of the vocational department in presenting diplomas to graduates of the four year science, technology and trades course, of whom 28 qualified.

The high school board's awards for general proficiency in grades 9 to 12 were presented to Frances Bishop of grade 9 for 90.6%; Beverley Wybrow, grade 10, 91.4%; Anne Matheson, grade 11, 92.8%; Scott Tremaine, grade 12 general course, 93.5%; and Roy Bartlett, grade 12 ST & T, 80.7%. These awards were of specially bound and inscribed books, chosen by the winners.

Roy Bartlett, the top ST & T student also received three other prizes; the Board of Student Senators' Award to the best grade 12 ST & T student; the Canadian Manufacturers' Association award for the ST & T student going on to further study, awarded by Bridgen's Limited and a crest and silver pin from the Societas Honoris.

Scott Tremaine was also presented with the Gordon Lake Memorial Prize for languages. The high school board's award for typing went to Anne Murphy; a second Canadian Manufacturers' Association award for an ST & T student going on to further study was presented on behalf of Texas Instruments Limited to Brian Cole; the Stark Electronics award for an ST & T student in electronics to John Marshall; the Keuffel-Esser Company award for architectural and technical drafting to Allan Shepherd; the S. Toth award for machine shop work to Bob Nichols and the A.S. Elson award to the outstanding ST & T student, given by the Board of Student Senators, to Robert Phinnemore.

As a memorial to the late John Terence Townsend, a grade 12 student at the school who passed away September 23, aged 18, D. Foley, assistant head of the history department, presented a framed picture of Queen Elizabeth. This was ac-

cepted by John's sister Judith Townsend, who in turn presented it to Mr. Kippen to be hung in the school.

The program was interspersed by several musical selections by the school orchestra under the direction of E. Lazar. Following the ceremonies, the parents and friends were invited to a reception in the school cafeteria while the students enjoyed a dance in the auditorium.

Town Council Briefs

Richmond Hill Council considered the following business at its regular meeting.

Approved a works committee recommendation that the tender for a half-ton pick-up truck with special body be awarded to Tompkins Dodge Dealer in the amount of \$3,263.97, and a tender for a half-ton pick-up truck to R. D. Little Ford in the amount of \$2,674.56.

Councillor Ivan Mansbridge asked if the two tenders had been the low bids.

"No," replied Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins. "The other tenders were for 1966 trucks and we had asked for tenders for 1967's."

Approved purchasing of four illuminated signs at a cost of \$136 from Steel Art Co. Ltd. for the intersections of New-

kirk Road and Crosby Avenue and Newkirk and Centre Street.

Accepted the resignation of Percy A. Hare from the works department with regret. Authorized the assistant works commissioner to advertise for a replacement.

Authorized the paying of \$3,105 to Miller Paving for the paving of the arena parking lot. The cost will be shared equally by the works department and the parks board.

ORANGEVILLE—A 77-year-old Palgrave man — the victim of a hit-run car that dragged him along a road into a ditch last week—died in hospital.

Frederick Ernest Smith was hit by a car while crossing Highway 50, north of Palgrave, to catch a bus October 22. He was found about 30 minutes later by a passing motorist.

Alcoholic Exuberance Leads To Conviction

A Langstaff man, who was described by Crown Attorney Arleigh Armstrong, as being caught up in his own "alcoholic exuberance," was fined \$10 and costs of \$31.50 last week in Magistrate's Court when he was convicted of committing wilful damage.

Richmond Hill Police Constable Robert Deighton testified that Vincent Gorman, 18 Bryson Drive, had picked up a chair and broken it while in a Richmond Hill tavern September 22. Gorman, who pleaded guilty, had since made restitution in the amount of \$20, the constable said.

Christmas Gifts Needed

With Christmas fast approaching the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association is beginning to organize its annual Christmas gift campaign.

They ask us not to forget those whose illness has made them almost forget the meaning of Christmas.

Mrs. Ann Murray, chairman of the Richmond Hill area for this program, will be pleased to hear from individuals wishing to contribute a gift to this worthy cause. Phone 884-2124.

Gifts should be ready by November 30 for wrapping by White Cross Volunteers. Boxes will be placed in convenient locations for individual donations. Arrangements will be made to pick up gifts from organizations.

— CENTENNIAL PROJECT 105 —

The Agricultural Committee of the York County Council have included in their Centennial program a project to encourage farm families to improve and make more attractive the entrances to their property, and to have the owners or tenants' name, address, and municipal lot and concession number placed on the mail box or entrance.

The project is open to persons residing on 15 acres or more in the County of York, and closes June 1, 1967.

This will be known as Centennial Project 105 and will be administered by the Centennial Committee of the York County Federation of Agriculture.

Further information and announcements will be made.

FRED WICKS,
Committee Secretary.

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