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## Gem & Mineral Club Meets Friday Night

The Willowdale Gem and Mineral Club will hold its annual meeting this Friday night at 8.30 in the auditorium of North York Public Library, 5126 Yonge Street, Willowdale. Following election of officers, a colored film produced by the Department of Mines will be shown. Entitled Iron Ore from the North, it tells the story of the development of the Ungava iron deposit and construction of the railway to Sept Isles and port facilities there to handle the ore.

**GOODWOOD:** An appeal to keep Uxbridge Township from becoming "one big gravel pit" was heard by the OMB in the township hall here December 5 at 11 a.m. In June 1964 a request to ban gravel pits in lots 1 to 5, concessions 5 and 6 was placed before township council. A year later, council was petitioned to pass a bylaw prohibiting the pits. Now a group of ratepayers from that district have appealed to the OMB because the council declined to act on the petition. Spokesman Clark T. Muirhead has a seven-acre home site on concession 6, north of the Uxbridge-Pickering townline. A pit has been opened only 100 yards from his house.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## Art Show, Bazaar, Old English Tea

Oil paintings by Harold and Madeline Howarth of the Garrett Gallery form a delightful setting in Victoria Square Community Hall for this tea table. The occasion was the Gormley - Victoria Square Branch of YCHA Old English Tea November 26.

Left to right, Mrs. L. Mumberson, Jean Clark (serving tea), Mrs. G. Draper and Mrs. N. Brodie are enjoying the old fashioned refreshments. Jean was one of several Headford teenagers who donned lace caps and fichus to lend an authentic atmosphere to the occasion.

The bazaar tables, stocked with many articles for the Christmas tree, baking and candy, were well patronized and many happy winners carried home lucky draw prizes.

### Would Start Sewing Classes

## YW Asks Use Of Schools For Teens

Three representatives of Richmond Hill YWCA appeared at the December 1 meeting of the Board of Education to ask for increased facilities for "Y Teen" groups which are presently using two of the public schools. The group included the Y's new Executive Director Miss Mildred Heatherton, its Program Director Mrs. J. D. Halliday and the chairman of its program committee, Mrs. Fred Straumann.

Spokesman was Mrs. Halliday who explained that the "Y Teens" were grades 7 and 8 girls from 12 to 15 who presently meet one night weekly in gymnasiums of Crosby Avenue and MacKillop Public Schools. The familiar red triangle symbol of the "Y" stands for spirit, mind and body and in carrying out this theme, the meetings, although consisting primarily of some form of physical activity begin with a short prayer and also include a discussion period and refreshments, she said.

The groups are usually kept to from 10 to 15 as the purpose of the Y leader is to deal with the youngsters as individuals and each group is under the charge of a professional paid instructor with volunteer helpers between the ages of 17 and 20. All such volunteers are however given a leadership training course before assuming their duties.

Mrs. Halliday pointed out that the gyms were large, boxy places unsuited for cosy discussion or any craft works that the girls may undertake and asked if permission could be granted to use a staff room or other room with tables and chairs where the girls could sit to work at their crafts and take part in discussions. The use of the kitchen would also be appreciated on special occasions such as a Christmas or Hal-love'en party.

Noting that the newly-formed Richmond Hill Y is not well off financially and has little or no equipment, Mrs. Halliday also requested permission to use such school equipment as volley balls, tumbling mats etc. A film projector might also be required occasionally, she added and noted that it was expensive and time consuming to rent one and bring it all the way up from the city.

In answer to a question from Trustee Phyllis Hawkes, Mrs. Halliday assured the board the groups would not make additional work for janitors and had indeed been commended by the janitors who said the group often left the premises tidier than they had found them.

To a query from Chairman Walter Hutchinson, Mrs. Halliday advised that any fees received by the Y were completely spent on payment of instructors and rent, light and heat for their new headquarters.

She also pointed out that although in other areas the equipment could be used without special permission. "Our job is primarily to run the public school system", he said but added, "Beyond that, if there is something we can do to cooperate with the community we like to do it. This is why we have our janitors working on a shift basis".

While making no commitments on behalf of the board, Mr. Hutchinson promised that the board and staff would consider the request for increased use of school facilities and let the Y know their decision as soon as possible.

Mr. Hutchinson pointed out that the board's policy was to permit the use only of gymnasiums in the schools after hours

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