

# Christmas Comes To York Central Hospital Complete With Carollers, Trees, Presents

By JIM IRVING  
 Nobody likes to be sick at Christmas, or any time for that matter, but at least if you found yourself battling bronchitis, or nursing a neuralgia, or something, at that time of the year, then you would have found some consolation in the fact that you'd chosen York Central Hospital to recuperate in.

mond Hill's three-year-old hospital was bedecked with wreaths and holly, Christmas trees and even mistletoe from one end to the other, a firm indication that the spirit anyway is willing, even if the flesh is a little weak.

However, it wasn't only decorations that transformed the halls and made them come alive. Friday night, carollers from St. Matthew's United Church toured the wards singing all the favorite songs of Christmas and sometimes getting their audiences to join in too.

Saturday night, the patients got a preview of what was to come Christmas Day when members of Richmond Hill Rotary Club, who earlier had decorated the children's wards — the adults did their own — dropped in to distribute presents all around.

Christmas Day, those hospitalized were able to play host to their friends and families by having a guest in for dinner. Besides the traditional turkey dinner, the plates were well decorated with Christmas favors, all done up for the occasion by a group of teen-age children called the Candy Stripe Volunteers, who worked on their project with the blessing of Russell Semple, head of the dietary department.

All told there were about 80 patients in the hospital for Christmas, down about 20 from the usual number as some were able to get home for the holiday.

However, even if they hadn't been able to get home, there is some belief that they wouldn't have minded too much staying around, for Christmas came early to the hospital last week and it stayed on even after Santa had unitched his sleigh from the Christmas tree on the roof and gone on his way for another year.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Christmas holidays weren't completely handed over to parties for these young girls from Richmond Hill, who got together last week at York Central Hospital and made a quantity of tray favors for the patients to be given to them with their Christmas dinner. The volunteers, known as Candy Strippers, are (left to right) Lyn Aiken, Angie Turner, Linda Bradley and Jeanette Thompson.



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Live and in color, too, is the way Mrs. Thomas Lillie, 37 Tormore Drive, a patient at York Central Hospital, had her pre-Christmas entertainment presented to her last week. Delivering it all in person were members of St. Matthew's United Church Choir, shown being conducted by Mrs. R. P. Robbins, back to the camera, who toured the wards and sang to the patients.

**Richmond Hill Lions Club** **NO BINGO** *Happy New Year To All*  
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### Warn Hill Cannot Finance Facilities

(Continued from Page 1) facilities for a hospital of this size before we commit ourselves", he stated.

Markham Township Reeve Stewart Rumble, secretary of the finance committee noted that the committee had merely dealt with the financial aspects of the hospital additions. With respect to the sewage facilities, "The OWRC will deal with the problem and will resolve it, will have to resolve it before 1971 when the addition is ready for operation", he said.

Warden Joseph Dales, expressing understanding of Reeve Plaxton's concern suggested that it would be wiser to move acceptance of the committee's report, rather than its adoption. It would then become a recommendation to be dealt with by next year's council. A motion to this effect was carried unanimously.

The county's present debenture debt stands at \$10,081,500, with interest of \$4,776,288 which makes a grand total of \$14,857,788.

Of this amount, a total of \$1,476,225 principal and interest is payable on account of road debentures. However, these will be completely paid off in nine years.

Debentures outstanding for secondary schools throughout the county total \$9,743,351, principal and interest. A further sum of \$3,638,212 is payable for buildings, the county building, the Home for the Aged, hospitals and the health unit building.

AURORA: Following a request from the Aurora Horse Show, town council agreed that the show should be moved from the town park facing Wells Street to the larger area at Fleury Park, adjacent to the new community centre, but the change will have to await fencing of the new site.

NEWMARKET: John D'Amato of RR 1, Agincourt was fined \$800 or four months in jail last week for obtaining three cows by false pretences. He presented a phony receipt form to the shipping department of the Stouffville Auction Sales Barns.

**COMING EVENTS**

**NO BINGO — THURSDAY, December 29.** Next Bingo Thursday January 5. Our Lady Queen of the World Hall, East side of Bayview at Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill.

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