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Lions Club President Douglas Boynton presents Mayor Thomas Broadhurst with the new chain of office at Monday afternoon's reception.

Good Start For Centennial Year

By MARY DAWSON

In accepting the chain of office on behalf of the town, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst promised to wear it with dignity, with pride and with honor. He expressed the hope that it will endow its wearers with wisdom, foresight and compassion and with enough wit and humor to take the job seriously but prevent them from taking themselves too seriously.

"I take particular pride in the fact that this is a presentation from the town's citizens and the work of a great craftsman. It will tell something of our story for years to come and is an indication that there is more interest in the Centennial and in this community than I had dared to hope," the mayor told the almost 350 citizens who attended his levee.

"Bear in mind that this is your Centennial and there is much to celebrate. Canada is a great country," this adopted son stated, urging Canadians to "keep away from being a comfortable people... Great countries are often not very comfortable countries," he concluded.

Mrs. Broadhurst presented Centennial pins to members of council and their spouses and to Dr. Ralph Langstaff, who was born in Richmond Hill when Confederation was not quite two years old, and to his wife, Dr. Lillian Langstaff, who were special guests at the reception. The mayor's wife was presented with a bouquet of red roses by two Guides from the 8th Richmond Hill Company who also presented Centennial pins to all guests as they left the reception. Mrs. Broadhurst also cut one of the special cakes which were served with coffee by six members of the town's YWCA, assisted by Mrs. T. S. King and Mrs. Elizabeth Vallance.

The 50-voice York Chorales, under the direction of Dick Ed-

Girl Kept From School Due To Traffic Hazard

A summons is to be issued this week to a Vaughan Township resident who has kept his daughter out of school because of dangerous road conditions.

Robert K. Baker, a resident for 20 years of the Teston Sideroad west of Keele Street advised York Central District Attendance Officer David Porter on Tuesday morning that his daughter would be kept out of school until conditions on the Teston Sideroad are improved. Sharon Baker, 15 years old, is a grade 10 student at Langstaff Secondary School. Mr. Porter advised that a summons would be issued if she remains away from school and Mr. Baker advised that he is quite prepared to go to court to defend his decision.

Mr. Baker appeared at the December 19 meeting of Vaughan Township Council and advised that since garbage trucks using the Disposal Services Limited dump had been rerouted to travel on Jane Street and the Teston Sideroad, conditions had become intolerable with one resident estimating a truck every minute using the road.

As well as the hazard of splashing when a truck goes through a pot hole, or a worse soaking from having to take to the ditch when two trucks pass, Mr. Baker notes that his daughter is exposed to danger while waiting at the corner of Keele Street for the school bus. There is a high embankment at this

point and south-bound traffic can't see trucks coming out of the sideroad until they are right out on the road. Mr. Baker not only fears that his daughter may be struck but that a school bus would be hit by one of the frequent trucks.

"I'd hate to see what happened in Windsor happen to a school bus here," he says.

Mr. Baker reports that at his request Councillor Dalton McArthur came up to examine the intersection and agreed that it was a dangerous situation. However, as late as Tuesday afternoon of this week, nothing had been done to remedy it.

Richmond Hill Council ran the fine-tooth comb through its draft official plan last week — chopped here, chopped there — but made no final decisions.

Coming in for considerable attention were the "collector" roads with pro and con opinion issuing forth from council members.

As a result, five roads listed as collectors on the official plan map were tentatively lopped off while four others remained.

Dispensed with were Leven-Newkirk Road, Centre and Dale Road, Neal Drive, Driscoll Road, Mill Street, Cedar Avenue. Mayor Thomas Broadhurst stressed however that the decisions were of a temporary measure until they could be further discussed with Planning Consultant Max Bacon.

The name "collector" is a tag put upon streets which channel motorists onto the main arterial roads such as Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue.

They have become the most contentious part of the official plan to date with Centre Street occupying the major portion of the unfavorable spotlight.

Most outspoken against all "collectors" was Ward 4 Councillor John MacDiarmid who put it bluntly:

"I'm for eliminating all collector roads. They're not necessary in a community the size of Richmond Hill."

Others agreed in some cases, disagreed in others, with agreement finally reached to delete the above named five roads.

The decision to retain Centre Street as a collector slipped smoothly by with hardly a reference to the other controversial Richmond Hill.

Centre Street has been the sore thumb in the official plan since it was publicly introduced in its draft form last July and brought howls of protest from Centre Street area residents dead-set against any widening of the street which would necessarily occur.

The planning board then did some soul-searching as to whether Centre or Richmond Street should be designated. Its members finally came up with an amendment to the official plan.

It stated that the designation of either Richmond or Centre as collector roads could be written into the official plan so as to leave the decision up to the future traffic pattern development.

Mayor Broadhurst noted Centre was listed in the official plan and Richmond Street was not. He stated that council had decided to retain Centre as a collector as already listed on the map. This automatically eliminated the planning board's amendment.

Council wound its way through pages one to 32 of the official plan scrutinizing this and that point and deciding whether to query its planning consultant.

In one section members decided to steer clear of a statement declaring "the provision of pedestrian walkways shall be encouraged and these shall be designed wherever possible to facilitate access to public and separate elementary schools."

"We might need them," observed Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins, "but we don't want to encourage them." The section was deleted.

Walkways have also been a thorn in council's sides with storms of controversy occurring during the past year with the complaints of residents near the walkways that children were being unruly.

Some clamored that the walk-

ways be closed and others that they be kept open. They remained open and the situation eventually settled down.

That old municipal bugaboo, money, entered the picture in the official plan's "Municipal Housekeeping" section.

It originally put the onus on the municipality to keep all roads, sidewalks and curbs, storm drains and ditches etc. in good repair so that the maintenance of private property will be thereby encouraged.

Councillors thought that was a wonderful idea but agreed the town couldn't possibly afford to keep everything in tip top shape although this was always the ideal to strive for.

"I prefer to see a clause added," said Reeve Donald Plaxton, "to the effect we will strive to have this done whenever it is economically possible." Other members agreed and the clause was added.

The meeting lasted three and a half hours. Another session will be held at an as yet unnamed date.

When finally approved the official plan will be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs who will circulate it to his various officials and to the adjacent municipalities for their perusal.

The minister can then approve, refuse it or suggest changes. Once approved it becomes official.

In the meantime, council will also have to complete work on the zoning bylaw which will be the teeth to the official plan. This will go to the OMB for approval.

If approved the bylaw will be advertised in "The Liberal" and any persons wishing to lodge a complaint have up to 10 days to object to council which will be obliged to notify the OMB which can then and likely would call a public hearing.

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Richmond Hill Separate School Trustees Returned To Office

John Pennyfather, Peter Smith, Patrick Ottaway and Mrs. Mona Hogan were returned to the Richmond Hill Separate School Board for a two-year term at the annual meeting December 28. Last year, because of amalgamation with the Maple Separate School Board, a complete slate of eight trustees was elected, the above four for a one-year term and John Taylor, John LeClaire, Mrs. Marjory Gleason and Sam Neill for two years. Each year four trustees will be elected for a two-year term. Mr. Ottaway lives at Victoria Square, the other three in Richmond Hill.

Two other candidates were nominated, Peter Williams and Clair Logan, but both were unsuccessful.

John Taylor, who has been chairman for 1966, presented a report of the activities of the young people's council, Richmond Hill Recreation Committee and other groups serving the community, as well as for religious instruction after school hours. When structural changes had to be made to the Anglican Church of St. Gabriel the Archangel, the gymnasium at Our Lady Help of Christians was made available to that congregation for Sunday services. In appreciation the Anglican congregation has made a gift of books to the library at that school, Mr. Taylor reported.

Total expenditures during the year totalled \$452,636, with revenue of \$394,781, leaving a deficit of \$102,855. Included in this figure is the amount of \$44,600 paid for the Dunlop property, which is totally recoverable in the 1967 grant from the Department of Education. This left an operating deficit of \$58,255, a deficit which has been accumulating over a period of several years.

He reported that Sister Mary Rita, who has taken special training in the USA and in Belgium, has joined the teaching staff to supervise religious teaching. Her services will be shared with other boards in the area.

The chairman reported that when it was learned that St. Mary Immaculate Church needed more land for its building program, the Department of Education had been asked to make a survey of Our Lady of Fatima School. This survey had been carried out in 1965 and the report that since the original building was substandard according to present standards of school construction, it could be removed without penalty. It was recommended that the newer building be kept as the nucleus of a new building to serve as a senior elementary school. Because only about a half-acre of land was being retained with this building, the department recommended that the board obtain the adjoining Dunlop property of approximately two acres.

This report was implemented in 1966, Mr. Taylor said. When negotiations for the property failed, expropriation proceedings were begun and the board now holds title to 2½ acres of land on which to build a senior school, sometime in the future.

The office of the business administrator has been moved to the remaining school building on this site, and during the building of the new St. Mary's Church daily masses are also being held in it.

The speaker also pointed out that gymnasium at all three schools provide a community

service. They are used by Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, the report of the activities of the young people's council, Richmond Hill Recreation Committee and other groups serving the community, as well as for religious instruction after school hours. When structural changes had to be made to the Anglican Church of St. Gabriel the Archangel, the gymnasium at Our Lady Help of Christians was made available to that congregation for Sunday services. In appreciation the Anglican congregation has made a gift of books to the library at that school, Mr. Taylor reported.

Former Chairman Gordon Trusser acted as chairman of the meeting and announced a 10 minute limit on questions on these reports. An attempt by Clair Logan to have this extended until all questions were answered failed on a vote of the 75 separate school supporters present. "Unless I receive answers to all my questions, to my satisfaction, I will cease to be a supporter of this system," challenged Mr. Logan.

His first and second questions, "Why copies of the statement of

the meeting were not distributed either before or at the meeting?" and "Why hasn't a balance sheet been distributed?" brought the same answer from Chairman Taylor. "The statement is as accurate as we can make it. But this meeting is held before the end of the year and the final report is really not ready until after the audit, sometime in the early spring."

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Christmas Season Officially At End

The Christmas holiday season is now officially over, the heads have gone back on the town parking meters.

This Monday, motorists, who had a full two weeks of not having to put any money in the meters, found themselves searching for change again as they milled in to park on the town's main thoroughfare.

The Christmas present to drivers was presented by the town council a week before Christmas when the meters were covered up, or removed for repair.

Select President Before Locale For Proposed Community College

Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, the proposed community college for North York and York County, has a president, even if it still hasn't got a location.

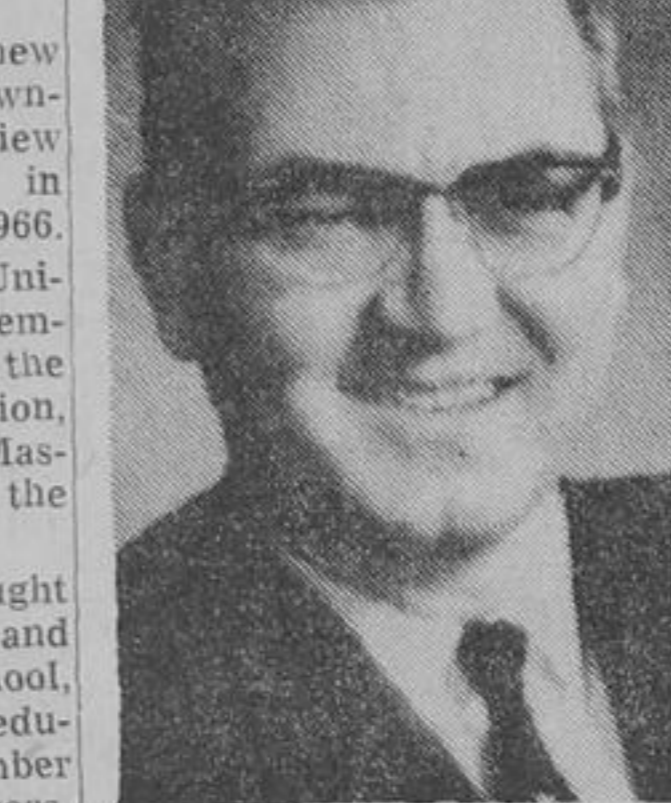
Appointed to head the new college was William T. Newnham, principal of Northview Heights Secondary School in North York Township since 1966.

A graduate of Queen's University with degrees in mathematics and physics, and of the Ontario College of Education, Mr. Newnham also holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Toronto.

Mr. Newnham has also taught at Humber College and Downsview Secondary School, and is the author of several educational texts. He is a member of the Senate of York University, past president of the Central Ontario Head Masters' Council, and president of the North York Junior and Senior High School Principals' Association.

He was a member of the Department of Education's First Consultative Committee on Mathematics, and of a joint committee of department officials and head masters discussing the evolving organization of Ontario secondary schools. Mr. Newnham has also been on the summer school staff of the Ontario College of Education.

Mr. Newnham who is 43, is the son of Rev. B. E. and Mrs.



WILLIAM T. NEWNHAM To Head Seneca

Newnham of Aurora. He is married to the former Marie Stiver and they have four children. No site has been chosen yet for the new college, but Mr. Newnham will look into this with the Board of Governors and advisors from the Department of Education in the new year. Admission to the college will be on the completion of grade 12, but some other courses will be open to students not having their 12.

Courses to be offered will be decided later.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Happy Birthday To Canada

Dr. Rolph Langstaff, who will be 98 years young in February, accepted the honor of participating in the first celebration in Richmond Hill of Canada's Centennial Year. Dr. Langstaff raised the Centennial flag at Richmond Heights Centre last Thursday. Third from the left above, he is supported by President Miss Vicki Paige (on his right) and members of the Richmond Heights Merchants Association.

Dr. Langstaff was born in Richmond Hill, the descendant of the Langstaff and Miles families, who were among the earliest settlers of the area. He has devoted his life to the service of the community as a medical practitioner, knowing the rigors of tending the sick when the horse and buggy was the only means of transportation and hospital care was available only in the large cities.

Included in the picture above are two merchants who were particularly pleased to have the doctor officiate at the event. Frank Hodgins, of Hodgins Hardware was ushered into this world by Dr. Langstaff, who also officiated at the births of Al Rice's three sons.

"Storybook Theatre" Presents Centennial Play For Children

There is little doubt that children today lead fuller, easier and more varied lives, than their counterparts 50 years ago. Opportunities for entertainment, education, recreation of all kinds have vastly increased — for children as for everyone else. But one thing, commonplace when our grandfathers were young and always one of the most vital and moving of experiences, has all but vanished from our society... living theatre!

It is the happy task of the Storybook Theatre to help as many children as possible to discover the ancient art of the theatre; so that they may partake of a new magic, so that when they grow up they may help form that adult theatre audience that Canada so badly needs.

With this in mind the Storybook Theatre opened last year with the Canadian premiere of "The Coral King" which was enthusiastically received by hundreds of children in Richmond Hill and district, and this year, as part of their Centennial project are presenting "Sinbad and the Mermaid" written by Canadian playwright, Chris Wiggins.

There will be four performances only, on January 21 and 22 at 1:30 and 3:30 pm at the Lions Hall, Centre Street East, and in sympathy with parents with large families, tickets are \$1 for both adults and children and may be obtained by calling 884-3665 or 889-5181.

Perkins Leading Candidate County's 1967 Warden

York County's 107th warden will be elected at the inaugural meeting of county council on January 17. There are strong indications that the highest honor in the county for Canada's Centennial Year will be conferred on Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill. This will be an honor not only for Mr. Perkins but for the municipality which he represents at the county level.

Mr. Perkins has served on county council for eight years, four as reeve and four as deputy-reeve of Richmond Hill. In 1962 he was honored by being elected one of the two county commissioners. During 1966 he has served as the chairman of the finance committee and as a member of the agricultural and reforestation committees. In 1963 and 1965 he was a member of the York Manor Commission and in other years has seen service on most committees of county council.

Mr. Perkins will not be the first deputy-reeve chosen as warden of York, but he will be the first deputy-reeve so chosen who has also served a municipality as reeve.

He also has served Richmond Hill as a councillor for



DEPUTY-REEVE PERKINS

seven years, being elected to a council seat for the first time in 1950. He spent these seven years under the reeve-ship of W. J. Taylor, and in 1957 served on county council as the town's deputy-reeve under Mr. Taylor's warden-ship.

Besides Mr. Taylor, only one Richmond Hill representative has been elected to the warden's chair. This was William Pugsley, who was county warden in 1891. York County was formed 116 years ago, the first sessions being held in 1851. In the early years some wardens served for two or more terms of office, so that the 1967 warden will be only the 107th man elected to that office.

On January 17, for the election of warden, the plural vote will be used. Clerk Jack Smith will preside and the successful candidate will be prepared and escorted to the chair by his mover and second. Then the oath of office will be administered by a county magistrate.

Mr. Perkins' interest in municipal and county politics was aroused and intensified by his grandfather, Jacob Lunau who served 15 years on the village council of Richmond Hill and seven years as its reeve and county council representative.