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Chatting prior to last week's annual meeting of the York County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association are (left to right) Executive Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Faye O'Callaghan, President Glen Ferguson, Guest Speaker Dr. John Rich, MD, PhD, and Executive Director Don Sinclair of the Ontario Division, who introduced Dr. Rich.

Special Classes Cost Less - - Dr. Rich

"I have been told there are no special classes for disturbed children in the schools of York County," Dr. John Rich, MD, PhD, psychiatrist, commented at the annual meeting of the York County Branch, Canadian Mental Health Association in Bayview Secondary School March 14.

Referring to such programs in Toronto, Etobicoke and North York, the speaker stated that children treated in such classes cost much less than they do in residential institutions. Classes for these children contain six to eight, never more than 10, and in British special schools have been set up. A population of 6,000 would support a special class and the county's population of 130,000 would support 10 schools. Half the children treated in these classes, it is found, do not have to go to

residential centres.

Dr. Rich trained in general medicine in England. While there he worked in mental hospitals, an observation ward, a children's clinic and prisons. He obtained his MD in psychological medicine and later was given a PhD for research into juvenile delinquency. He acted as psychiatrist to the juvenile courts and lectured for the University of London.

AT THISTLETOWN

Dr. Rich came to Canada on a research grant but stayed to become director of Canada's first hospital for emotionally disturbed children at Thistletown. He is now chairman of the University of Toronto's committee on post-graduate training in Child Psychiatry, consultant to the Big Sisters' Counselling Service and to St. John's Training School. He is married and has three children.

Noting that there is a shortage of every possible kind of treatment, Dr. Rich pointed out that the tendency in treatment centres is to choose the children who are going to respond to treatment because tangible results are wanted. "Where does our responsibility lie — with the six or seven patients who will not respond or with the 30 who will respond?" he queried, adding that the usual result is that those who are most in need of treatment don't get it.

MUST FEEL WANTED

Basic requirement for a disturbed child is to belong, to feel wanted the speaker stated. If the youngster doesn't belong and feel wanted, he has to be convinced he is wanted. They need fathers and mothers, but they don't need temporary mothers and fathers, he asserted. They are hungry for permanence and want to put down roots, a centre doesn't offer this.

The child also has a need for privacy and a peer group. He needs companionship of his own age. "In fact moms are out and brothers and sisters are in," Dr. Rich reported, referring to experiments conducted with young monkeys. There is also a need

to continue education, not mere schooling, but broad education, "you can't learn everything from books," he added.

GREAT DISCREPANCIES

Dealing with the various methods of treatment, Dr. Rich drew a gasp and a laugh from his audience when he said, "we don't know what the hell we are doing and we don't know whether it is working. Until we can agree exactly what we are doing and can have a follow-up, we won't know" he contended, noting that there are great discrepancies in the methods and practically none of them spell out what their philosophy of treating kids is.

IMPROVEMENT NOTED

However, things are improving, he added. "We do know a great deal, but we don't know nearly enough. Last year a great deal was learned about cerebral damage techniques for instance. Yet nobody is yet in the position to tell you that this or that is the proper way to treat a disturbed child."

He noted that the outlook is for a better supply of trained staff.

Prime requisite of a residential centre is a friendly house, "a property that smiles," which avoids social shock, where action is invited rather than forbidden. There should be a margin for waste and routines which will relax the children.

The program must be satisfying with the adults showing tolerance of symptoms and giving unconditional acceptance with room allowed for regression.

Dr. Rich was introduced by Donald Sinclair of the Ontario division and thanked by Dr. Paul Perry of the psychiatric wing of York County Hospital, Newmarket, Rev. Father F. C. Robinson of Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church pronounced the invocation.

Stouffville and T. D. Manning of Aurora as vice-presidents. Mrs. D. J. O'Callaghan of Stouffville will continue as the executive secretary-treasurer.

SUMMER CAMPS

In his remarks Mr. Ferguson commented on the successful summer camp held in 1966 which will be continued in 1967. The branch feels it should go one step further and establish a residential assessment and treatment centre for disturbed children. He quoted a letter from Dr. Perry which stated that out of 313 new cases admitted to York County Hospital psychiatric wing in 1965, 151 were of children from five to 15 years. In 1966 the total was 403 with 257 children, an increase from 48% to 64%. It is forecast that this trend will continue until the adult portion becomes negligible.

He also said that a concerted effort will be made this year under the direction of Mrs. J. S. Spillette of Aurora to establish further chapters throughout the country.

A project of a series of lectures with grade 12 students has proved very successful and will be continued. Several young people who had heard these lectures assisted at last year's summer camp and it was gratifying that three of the student counsellors have applied or are in training for child care work.

COFFEE PARTY

Mrs. Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill wife of the 1967 county warden and Mrs. Jesse Bryson of Vaughan Township presided over the coffee party which preceded the annual meeting with the CWL at Our Lady Queen of the World Church providing the refreshments.

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REPORT

OAK RIDGES DETACHMENT

Four Richmond Hill residents were injured when the car in which they were riding was in collision with another vehicle on Highway 7 near Thornhill, March 18, about 7:20 pm.

Malcolm Rex Elms, 18, of 434 Maribay Crescent, suffered head injuries, while three passengers in his car, Brigitte Klausner, 18, of 98 Lucas Street; Joanne Doris, 18, of 114 Wright Street; and Doris Greenfield, 17, of 60 Laverock Avenue, also suffered varied injuries.

Driver of the other car was Delores Marie Lindsay, Markham Village.

Damage to the cars amounted to \$900.

In an accident March 17 on Highway 7 near Langstaff, another Richmond Hill resident, William Thomas Hassel, of 260 Anzac Road, received injuries to his head when the car he was driving was in collision with a car driven by Barry Williams Kelly, 25, of 21 Garden Avenue, Langstaff.

Mr. Kelly suffered a lacerated scalp, while two of his passengers, Paula Knisley, 24, and Paulette Knisley, 2, both of Willowdale, received facial injuries.

Damage to the cars was estimated at \$1,700.



TOMMY DOUGLAS MP
NDP Leader Here

New Democratic Party National Leader Tommy Douglas MP, will be the guest of honor at the York Centre Provincial NDP Association dinner and dance April 21 in Richmond Hill.

Called "Project '67", the function will be held at the Lions Hall Centre, Street East, starting with a reception at 6:30 pm, with dinner at 7:30.

Dancing will follow until 1 o'clock.

AURORA: Reversing a decision made on a one-vote margin recently, town council has voted to pay salary increases to former members of the police department. One constable and three dispatchers who served part of 1966 will receive a total of about \$1,000. Council was told legal precedent would support the claim for back pay. Negotiations for the 1966 increases were not completed until recently.

Local Actors To Compete At Dominion Drama Festival

"Out Flew the Web and Floated Wide" by Martin Hunter was chosen from four new Canadian plays to represent the Central Ontario Drama League at the Dominion Drama Festival in St. John's, Newfoundland, May 22 to 27. Presented by the Northern Area of CODL, the play included members of the Curtain Club, Newmarket Drama Club, Stouffville Drama Club and Aurora Drama Workshop, and was also awarded the prizes for best visual presentation, best supporting actress, most promising new talent, and a special grant from the Ontario Government for further study.

Dr. Robertson Davies, noted Canadian scholar and author was the adjudicator for the week-long regional festival held last week at Hart House Theatre. The announcement was made at the awards ceremony on Saturday evening. Katherine Ross Robertson received the Hugh Eays Trophy for best visual presentation for her set design, Muriel Cuttel, playing the part of Grandma Morton received the L. C. Tobias award for the best supporting actress.

and Terry Tweed, playing her granddaughter Cassandra was awarded the Mirvish Trophy for the most promising new talent. Robert Thomson was granted funds for further study by the Ontario Department of Education for his part as Mordy Zimmerman.

The play was directed by Ron Hartmann and produced by Cicely Thomson. Among the Curtain Club members taking part in the production were David Lewis as Willy Morton; Robert Thomson as Mordy; Mary Monks as Antonia; Tony Hiscoke, stage manager; David Punter, lighting; Carol Macanuel, properties; Sue Sweeny and Flavia Redelmeier, furniture; and Marion Postlethwaite, costumes. Prior to the Newfoundland trip, "Out Flew the Web" may be seen at Hart House, April 13-15. The play will also go on to play at Expo '67 following the Newfoundland competition.

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Church News

Communion was observed at Carrville United Church on Palm Sunday. Don Reid was received into the Carrville congregation on profession of faith and Mr. and Mrs. George Vetch by transfer of membership.

Following Sunday school Mrs. Len Kirk on behalf of the church presented Mr. and Mrs. Bert Middleton with an engraved silver tray and silver candy dish, and daughters Greta and Nancy with gold crosses. The Middletons are leaving the community and they will surely be missed. Mr. Middleton has been associated with the Sunday school since 1922.

New Arrival

I would like to announce that our little family is now complete, as Gordon and I have a lovely baby girl born on St. Patrick's Day. Needless to say we are floating on "Cloud Nine". Thank you everyone for your kind wishes

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