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But I Didn't Kill Her, I Swear I Didn't!

"A perfectly clear straightforward case Gentlemen of the Jury" sums up the Prosecutor (George Young) as he points to the accused (Ron Solloway) while Defence Counsel (Lyle Nickle) the Judge (Fred Bannon) and the hero of The Egg, Kingsley Owen, looks on. The Egg opens this Friday at the Curtain Club. Tickets, Bea Good 889-5642.

Hill Bowlers Open Play Victoria Day

The "new look" Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club will open its season Victoria Day at 1.30 pm in the town park. The opening will feature mixed tables.

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High School Board Gives In On Reserve

Under heavy pressure from municipal councils, York Central District High School Board has agreed to reduce the \$100,000 item for a reserve fund in its 1967 budget to \$25,000.

At a special meeting of the board held May 11, the following motion was passed:

"That despite legislation and advice of provincial officials to the contrary, and realizing the duty of the council to raise monies as required by the school board by whatever means they see fit, the board accedes to the council's advice that they do not wish to accumulate a reserve of any practical size this year to decrease future annual operating costs or to assist in capital expenditures for school sites. We therefore are reducing the provision for the reserve in the 1967 budget to \$25,000, assuming the council realize the attendant in-

crease in future tax rates, and possible deficits. The board confirms that this in no way represents a retreat from the board's pursuit of a quality school system."

In a publicity release on the matter, High School Board Chairman A. C. Peck, in order to have the board's thinking clearly understood, noted that funds from a working reserve may be used for operating costs at any time but may be used for capital projects only with the approval of the municipal council.

"A working reserve has the obvious advantage of reducing interest on current borrowing," the release continued, "but this is not the major purpose of such funds. The board has paid more for sites than would have been necessary if debenture funds had been available when the need for a site first became

known. The board believed that a site could be obtained quickly and therefore less expensively if the approvals required involved spending monies in hand rather than obtained from debentures which must be related to other capital needs of the municipalities.

"The board is also aware that sharp increases in mill rates accrue in certain years. The educational increases in Metro areas this year range from seven to 10 mills — ours is of the order of 2.5 mills. York Central's sudden increase will come in 1968. The board felt that the ratepayers would prefer moderate increases in two successive years rather than a small increase this year and a large one next year. They also felt that large increases in mill rate tend to bring the education of children into the political arena. While

this may be of advantage in gaining a redistribution of educational costs it can be a severe detriment to the children concerned if the political pressure affects the quality of education on the local level.

"The board, however, is sensitive to the fact that, in the last analysis, the council must raise the money and believes that because councils have this responsibility, the advice as to whether money will be raised for current funds or for capital projects comes with some considerable moral justification. Accepting this advice does not imply that the individual members believe the action is the best for the taxpayers. It does imply that on the policy of raising money, as opposed to educational policy, the council's view may be accepted in preference to the board's."

Capacity Audience Enjoys RHSO, Vaughan Choir

By KAY WOOD
Carrville Road West

Talent, hard work and imagination made a winning combination May 13 when Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra and the Festival Choir of Vaughan performed to a near capacity audience of 2,100 at the People's Church, Sheppard Avenue East.

The 50-member Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra, made up of amateur musicians of professional calibre from all walks of life, gave an excellent performance. The orchestra includes 21 teenagers and four of these young people have been honored by their selection as members of Canada's National Youth Orchestra and will tour with it this summer.

The choir and orchestra combined to open the evening with "O Canada", followed by the "Trumpet Voluntary" by the orchestra. The choir then sang "Music Makers", "Younger Generation" and "Ships of Arcady".

Chairman of Vaughan Township School Board Ross Jolliffe spoke briefly, congratulating the choir on its achievement.

The first half of the program ended with the orchestra playing Haydn's London Symphony. During intermission, the Centennial draw was held for three oil paintings donated to the choir. Winners were E. Carriere of Kirkland Lake, A. W. Baker, Beaverton and principal of Joseph Gibson Public School at Maple, R. Kennedy.

The choir members wore their travelling uniforms of grey skirts and trousers and red blazers but following intermission, they surprised the audience as they entered the hall two by two, wearing their red choir gowns with the Vaughan crest. This was the first time the gowns had been worn and when the 250 singers were safely on their risers behind the orchestra, the audience gave them a spontaneous burst of applause.

Vaughan Township Reeve Brian Bailey brought greetings from the township and commented that up until recently Vaughan had been a quiet place of farms and industry but now people would be saying about it, "That's the place where the children's choir comes from". He praised the orchestra and announced that due to unforeseen circumstances its regular conductor, Arthur Burgin, was unable to be present and that Assistant Conductor Graham Cole had taken charge.

Mr. Cole, a 19-year-old student in grade 13 at Newtonbrook Secondary School, handled his assignment with a style and dignity beyond his years.

The orchestra then rendered a lively Centennial March by H. Standing of Woodbridge, the orchestra's principal flautist.

Robert Richardson, assistant conductor next accompanied the choir for "They All Call It Canada" and "Glory to Thee". The choir and orchestra then combined for Don Wright's 20 minute anthem, "Proudly We Praise" which received a standing ovation. Applauding vigorously in the back row was composer Don Wright himself who was very pleased at the way his work was presented.

Choir Director Hugh Martin thanked the RHSO for its sponsorship of the concert, the choir's steering committee and clothing committee and gave recognition to the chairman of its finance committee, David Fraser, Mrs. Irma Fynbo the secretary and co-ordinator and to his assistant Robert Richardson.

The tables were turned however when two little blonde sisters stepped down from the risers and presented Mr. Martin with a lovely oil painting on behalf of the choir.

A flushed but pleased Mr. Martin acknowledged the gift, then raised his baton to conclude the evening with a rousing rendition of Bobby Gimby's "Canada".

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Rainy Weather Delays Seeding But May Bring Compensations

In spite of the cold wet weather in the first half of May, it is not yet time to push the panic button, states York County Agricultural Representative A. A. Wall. A late spring in Newmarket will see full depth rows at about four times the normal seeding rate and can then be pastured or zero grazed in midsummer.

Sudan-sorghum hybrids can be used too and yield well although not any better than thick corn, but do not regrow after being cut so they can be pastured or used over a longer period than oats or corn.

Oats and corn can both be used for this and if not needed for summer forage can be harvested normally. Corn for summer forage can be put in with a seed drill in very narrow rows and will see full depth rows at about four times the normal seeding rate and can then be pastured or zero grazed in midsummer.

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a map of Canada areas where five groups of people from other lands have settled.

In the afternoon leaders' certificates were presented to Mrs. George Foster, South Vaughan Club for 15 years' service; Mrs. C. Grubbe, Snowball Club, five years' and Mrs. R. Snider, Snowball, five years'. Each of the 18 clubs presented exhibits and demonstrations.

Receiving County Honor Awards for completion of six 4-H homemaking units were Judy Burkholder, Janet McMillan, Gail Johnson and Louise Mitchell, of Queensville; Patsy Tredgett, South Vaughan; Rosanne Cudia, Vellore; Susan Person, Agincourt; Nancy Lowe, Stouffville; Catherine

Watson, Edgeley and Denise Berwick, King I.

The highest award, provincial honors, was presented for the completion of 12 units to Linda Hostrawer and Betty Purves of South Vaughan; Jane Starr, Vandrof, Mrs. Cheryl Scott, Nobleton and Karen Smith, Queensville. The awards were presented by Mrs. N. Payne of Thornhill, representative of the Federated Women's Institute.

A food specialist, Miss Lois Clipsham commented on the exhibits. Each club member received a sterling silver spoon for the successful completion of the unit.



Alfalfa plants are likely taking a beating from the recent freezing night temperatures. As last year's forage seedings are generally thin to start with, it's a good idea to put in a field or two this spring that could be used for emergency hay or pasture.

Mr. Wall also advises that capital grants are now available for farm buildings, silos, drainage, fence row clearing, wells and farm ponds and a letter or phone call to him tails passed along.

11.9 Mill Rise In Vaughan Twp

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I see paved roads now going to pieces because we have not spent money on sealer. We are throwing money away because of lack of maintenance."

Mr. Williams still expressed his disappointment that the rate had to go up and also that the county rate was up, particularly in the light of Metro Toronto's refusal to pay its 25 percent share of the Toronto and York Roads Commission budget, since the amount asked for was only one-fifth of a mill in the Toronto rates. "It would only amount to \$1 per year to each

household in Metro" he said.

Reeve Bailey pointed out that Metro could be taken to court to make it pay its 25 percent share, but Mr. Williams pointed out that it would take two years for a court decision and in the meantime, the County would be borrowing money.

Deputy-reeve Williams stressed too that Metro had set up conservation areas and parks in York County which meant a great increase in traffic from Metro on county roads. In the light of all this, he insisted that it wasn't the proper time for the township to increase its own road rate.

"I don't know what the saturation point is for the taxpayers of Vaughan", he concluded.

Although council struck the tax rate, only two readings were given to the tax levy by-law, pending receipt of a final decision from York Central District High School Board regarding its reserve fund which the municipalities have asked it to reduce to \$25,000 from \$100,000. The board has since announced it will make the suggested reduction.

Council also accepted a recommendation of its finance and general purpose committee that representatives of various local boards and committees for which council is required to raise money be required to appear before committee of the whole when their budget estimates are being considered "in order that all aspects thereof might be fully explained prior to council being asked to approve same."

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