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## Will Lead Local Kinsmen In Service Projects

A very successful campaign to help beautify Richmond Hill in the future is the Centennial project of Richmond Hill Kinsmen. In conjunction with the Civic Improvement Committee they have made choice trees available to residents at a reasonable fee, and the townspeople have been eager customers.

This active organization of 20 young men, which has played an important part in the life of the town since 1952, also sponsors two teams in the minor hockey house leagues, has two members on the co-ordinated welfare services, makes regular monthly financial contributions to this service, and assists wherever needed locally when illness and misfortune strike.

On the provincial scene they contribute to the service clubs' donations toward research on cystic fibrosis, a \$20,000 gift to the Hospital For Sick Children, and to a school to train teachers for the mentally retarded which will open in 1970.

Above is the 1967-68 executive which will guide this energetic group in their many projects and during their regular meetings on alternate Thursdays at Richmond Inn.

Front row (left to right): Past President Dalton Hicks, President Grant Kellough, 2nd Vice President Dave Fleiner, Registrar Ted Hopkins.

Rear row (left to right): Treasurer Steve Mills, Secretary George Woodhead, Directors Gerry Morlock, Harold Van Dyke and Ray Harding. 1st Vice-President Ed Adriaans was absent when the picture was taken.

## Haunts Planning Board

### Collector Roads Ghost Back Again

The ghost of collector roads the first draft of the town's pro-came back to haunt members of posed official plan.

The vision appeared during Max Bacon on the municipal- the final wrap-up of changes to ty's road patterns still referred

## Kaleidoscope

By CATHY WILSON

One of the oldest traditions at university which is now being adopted more and more by high schools is that of initiation.

If you asked someone the origin of this custom of introduction or admission, doubtless you would receive a hazy answer if any. The closest guess that I, myself, can make is that initiation is a form of the old tribal custom of recognition of the coming of age of a youth or of his new status as one of the men of the tribe. This was a process carried out with full ceremony and ritual including tests of strength, tolerance, stealth, cunning, etc., to prove the worthiness of the youth to be called a man.

Today initiation is still serious business but the ceremony part of it is all in fun. A recent, typical example is last Friday's initiation of grade 9 students at Bayview Secondary School.

The initiation was organized by grade 13 students and members of the grade 12 graduating classes, supervised by an advisor to the students' council. Their aims were entirely commendable:

"(1) To give the senior students an opportunity to officially welcome to Bayview all grade 9 students, and (2) to provide YOU (grade 9s) with an opportunity to display YOUR potential, and thus indicate what the future of our school will be."

The methods, from a grade 9 point of view anyway, were doubtful.

Boys and girls were both required to wear apparel slightly less than normal; to carry strange objects, such as a teddy bear or purse, a marble (to roll down the hall with one's nose, natch), and an old toothbrush (to polish seniors' shoes of course); and also to know certain salient pieces of information, such as:

"How many air holes are there in a loaf of Millbrook's bread?" and, "Is water wetter when it's raining?"

But most formidable of all to the grade 9s was the initiation pledge which they were advised to recite, bowing, in the presence of any senior:

"Oh omnipotent and magnanimous senior students, shed your wealth of knowledge and benevolence upon us. We are insignificant and wander aimlessly through the dark valley of ignorance. Oh! senior students who possess moral rectitude beyond all reproach, may we, as mundane and scurvy as we are, be your humble and faithful servants."

And what, you may ask was the reaction of the school to this initiation? Please read on and see.

Janice Doran, secretary of the students' council, grade 13: "I think it's great. I wasn't initiated when I was in grade 9, but I wish I had been, it's a real laugh!"

Don Mackenzie, grade 9: "We love it." Kathy Pridham, grade 12: "I think it's a lot of noise." Ian Adams, grade 9: "Anyone who doesn't take part in initiation is missing a lot of fun." Rick Pedder, grade 11: "I don't like it. All these grade 13s who are supposed to be grown up and leading the school are running around acting like a bunch of kids." R. J. Blaney, teacher: "I think it's going very well. The grade 9s and the seniors appear to be having fun." Doug White, grade 10: "Initiation is fun, if you're not in grade 9!"

As you can see, the reaction was varied, some whole heartedly approving, and some skeptical; but when the day was over, the general consensus throughout the school was that, like it or not, initiation was the best shot in the arm yet for school spirit at Bayview.

(Cathy Wilson is a secondary school student residing in Richmond Hill)

## Written Objections By Residents

### Stop Bayview Rezoning Request

Objections from 33 out of 44 residents polled on Bayview Avenue has put the stopper to a request to rezone a home from a single family to a four-plex dwelling.

The rejections were noted by members of the Richmond Hill Planning Board last week who expressed similar sentiments.

R. E. Armstrong had made the application at a previous meeting and the board had sent out letters to area residents for their feelings on the matter.

Mr. Armstrong's home is at 218 Bayview Avenue. Chairman Harry Sayers said that replies had been received from 34 residents only one of whom had no objection. There were no replies from 10 others.

"I believe," Mr. Sayers said, "it is also the consensus or opinion of planning board members that spot rezoning is not always the best way of doing business."

The board then passed a motion advising Mr. Armstrong it was not prepared to undertake any rezoning of the area at the present time.

In other business, the board decided to object to a Vaughan Township Committee of Adjustment notice that an application had been received to construct a septic tank service for a property on Oxford Street outside the municipality's boundaries.

Mr. Sayers observed homes in the area were served by septic tanks and "there could be a possibility of pollution if we permit more to go in."

Councillor Lois Hancey agreed saying it was "inadvisable to permit septic tank usage in a place so close to this municipality. Every new one compounds the problem."

She added that she thought the York County Health Unit frowned on any additional septic tanks. There are no sewers in the area.

Mr. Mansbridge said there would be a chance of a pollution problem and "we should inform the committee of adjustment that we object to this application."

A motion by Mr. Mansbridge was passed noting the objection and pointing out the county's health unit has been discouraging such procedure.

"Septic tanks are alright," said Mr. Sayers, "when there is sufficient area to absorb the drainage. If it's close the area gets saturated."

The board agreed to do its share of "bail out" the Community Planning Association of Canada — of which it is a member — by contributing \$2.

The association in a letter stated it was having financial problems which could be solved if each member contributed \$1 or \$2.

## Our Lady Help of Christians

### Organize Grade 7, 8 Senior Unit In Town's Largest Separate School

Grades 7 and 8 at Our Lady Help of Christians Separate School, Beverley Acres have been organized as a senior school in an effort to ease the transition from elementary to secondary school. Richmond Hill Separate School Board was informed by Principal Sister St. Phillip at its meeting September 20.

Students in this section of the school assemble without warning bell at 8:45 with classes ready to go at 8:50. They have a separate recess at 10:10 to 10:25 and at noon assemble at 1:10. There is no afternoon recess and classes are dismissed at 3 pm.

Classrooms for study will be made available to the few students in these grades who will have to wait a half hour for a bus.

Bells will still ring to summon and dismiss the junior and intermediate schools which assemble at 8:55 and are dismissed at 3:30.

For the present this system is being given a thorough trial.

**PRE-SCHOOL SURVEY**  
The board agreed that it should again co-operate with the public school board in a survey of pre-school children.

Vice-Chairman John Pennyfather felt this survey was very necessary for the projection of future needs and trends. "We cannot do without it, it's a very essential thing," he said.

It was reported that last year's survey indicated there would be 65 kindergarten children in Our Lady Help of Christians. That exact number registered before school closing and when school opened September 5 the number had increased only to 69.

Board members agreed that it will be four or five years before it will be possible to review the accuracy of these forecasts, since homes in Richmond Hill continue to change hands rapidly.

**CUSTODIAL SALARIES**  
The board accepted a recommendation of its maintenance committee that salaries of custodial staff members be increased by 5% effective September 1, 1967, in keeping with the increase in the cost of living.

**SPEECH THERAPY**  
Trustee John LeClair, the board's representative to the York South Regional Education Committee, was directed to raise the question of shared services of a speech therapy program with that body.

**RECREATION**  
The board agreed to grant the use of the gymnasium at St. Joseph's and Our Lady Help of Christians Schools to the town recreation committee for its winter program for the third year. The gyms will be used for two 10-week periods, the first starting October 12 and the second beginning January 10.

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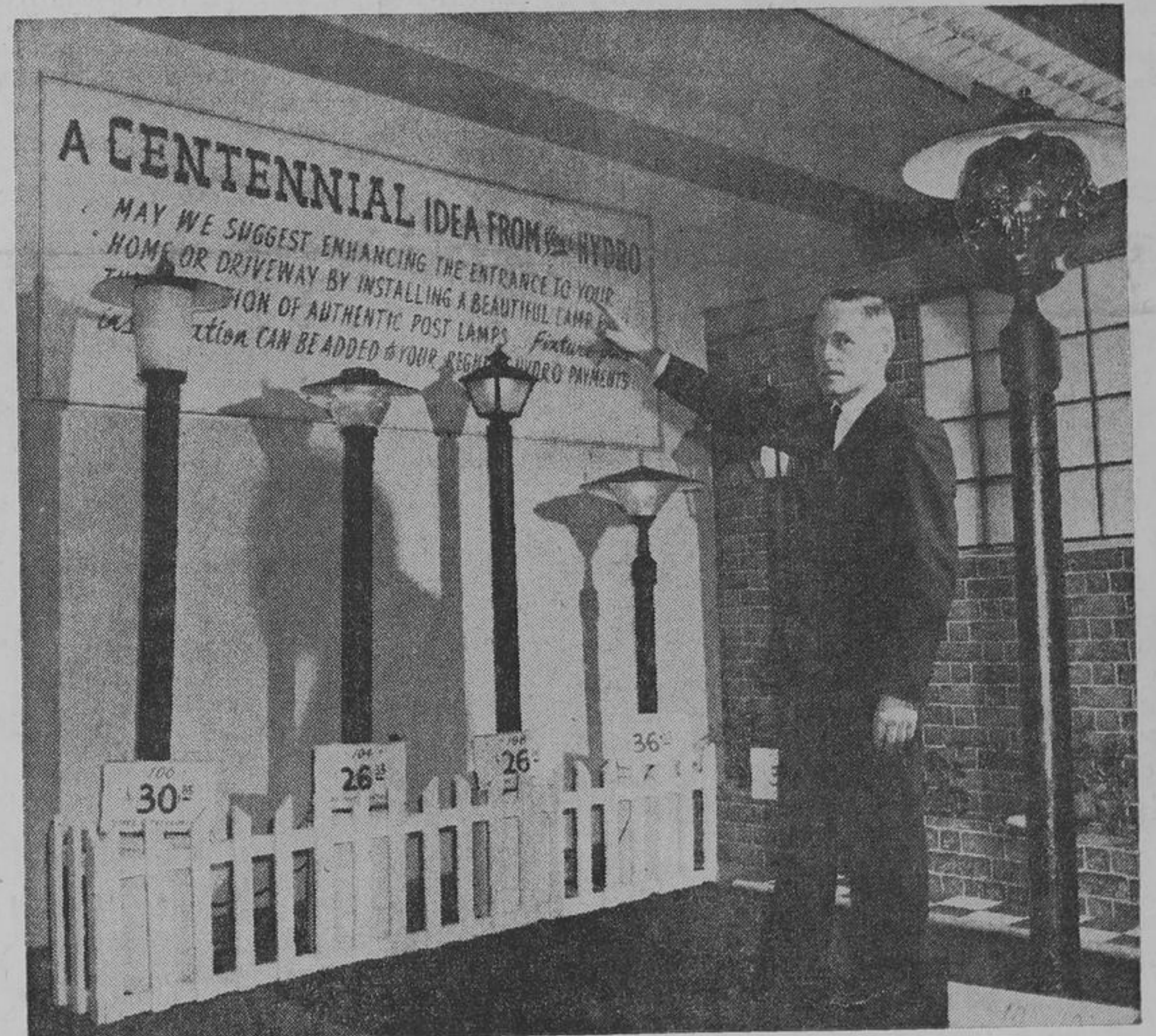
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