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Student Nurses At York Central

Four students of the York Regional School of Nursing are shown above in the pediatrics ward of York Central Hospital during their orientation visit to the hospital Monday.

They are, (left to right) Miss L. Johnston, Newmarket; Miss D. Heaney, Ottawa; Miss D. Roberts and Miss P. Onyette of Thornhill. With them are patients David Verbakel and Shirley Simpson, while right, pediatrics head nurse, Mrs. P. Morse RN, looks on.

The girls will spend part of their time in classroom work and the rest in practical work at the five hospitals which are co-operating with the school. In their third year, the girls will spend all their time in hospitals.

Liberals Are Winners High School Voting

While Liberal Don Deacon was elected to the Legislature for York Centre with quite a modest majority, had local high school students been doing the voting, his majority would have been substantially increased.

This is borne out by the straw votes which were taken at two York Central schools. At Bayview Secondary, 1,127 students cast their ballots (October 17 and Mr. Deacon garnered 499 of them, 42% of the vote. James Norton of the NDP was given 378 or 36% of the popular vote while Tory Lorne Wells gained 247 or 22%.

At Woodbridge High School, results were strikingly similar. Here almost all of the school's close to 300 student body cast votes and 43% went to Mr. Deacon, 30% to Mr. Norton and 21% to Mr. Wells, 6 per cent of the ballots were incorrectly marked and declared spoiled.

Actual voting in York Centre gave Mr. Deacon 9,991 votes, 40.2% of the whole. Votes for the other two candidates reversed almost exactly the results at the high schools, with Mr. Wells having 9,006 ballots cast in his favor, 36.6% of the whole and Mr. Norton 5,606 or 22.7% of total votes cast.

Students at Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket cast votes much more at variance with their elders and would have elected Liberal Tom Taylor instead of Conservative William Hodgson for York North.

Mr. Taylor gained 160 votes, more than the total given to his two opponents combined, although here again the students preferred the NDP candidate to the Conservative and gave the NDP's Marilyn Baker 66 votes to Mr. Hodgson's 50.

Actual voting in York North gave Mr. Hodgson a comfortable majority with 8,378 compared to Mr. Taylor's 6,074 and Mr. Baker's 4,849.

Yonge St. Reconstruction Slated For Spring Start; Paper Work In Progress

The first pavement on the \$1,051,500 Yonge Street reconstruction program won't be broken until the spring of 1968 but behind-the-scenes work has been going on for months.

"It's the biggest project we've undertaken in Richmond Hill," ventured Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins, chairman of the works committee in an interview with "The Liberal".

"It takes time, there are a lot of things to be done before you start the actual construction," he said.

Reconstruction plans were unveiled in May of this year with expectations that some of the physical work would get underway this fall.

Mr. Perkins outlined the myriad of preparational plans involved.

These included a feasibility study of the area concerned; establishment by Ontario Department of Highways of property lines to ascertain the new road allowances available for the Yonge widening.

"This will tell us just how much land we have to acquire," said Mr. Perkins.

The town has also appointed a property evaluator to come up with a cost figure.

When property lines have been established and procurement costs successfully negotiated a connecting link agreement will be signed with the provincial government.

The link — a definition for main municipality road arteries which connect to major highways — will find provincial government paying 90 percent of the reconstruction cost.

The project will see Yonge Street widened, installation of new street lights, storm and sanitary sewers.

"Storm sewers in the downtown area will allow high rise apartments to be constructed where it is now impossible because of lack of proper drainage," Mr. Perkins said.

Mr. Perkins added that Yonge Street has been basically wearing the same face since the early 1920's when it was originally surfaced.

"It's been mainly patch-up jobs ever since," he said.

Mr. Perkins said it would be obviously necessary to disrupt traffic to some degree with such a road-mending project.

"But there will be a lane open each way throughout the construction period for local traffic," he said.

Work on Yonge Street — when it commences — will be divided into two phases:

- Bedford Park north to Elgin Mills Sideroad and Bedford Park south to Markham Road.
- The Bedford Park North phase as designed by the Ontario Department of Highways

is further advanced in planning detail than its southern counterpart.

- Preliminary plans call for improvement to the Crosby Avenue - Yonge Street intersection to create a more fluid flow of traffic in the vicinity of the new A & P grocery complex at 121 Yonge Street North to be located south of the Victoria and Grey Trust Company.
- Continuous left hand turns will be constructed north from Crosby Avenue on Yonge Street to forestall traffic delays caused by motorists wanting to turn.
- Pedestrian islands will also be placed at main intersections on Yonge Street such as Crosby Avenue, Leventdale Road, or Elgin Mills Sideroad.
- The southerly phase, designed by Engineers Proctor and (Continued on Page 9)

Elgin Mills Residents Protest Widening Road Only One Side

Five residents of Elgin Mills Sideroad appeared at the October 30 meeting of Vaughan Township Council petitioning that all the land for the proposed widening of their street not be taken from one side.

Spokesman was Mrs. Marjorie Black, a member of Vaughan Township Public School Board. While area residents were resigned to having the road widened, she said, residents of the north side of the street felt it was unfair that all land for the widening should come from that side.

Rather than approach council behind the backs of south side residents, they had gone to the residents first. Mrs. Black advised, and presented a list of signatures of residents of the south side, stating that they were agreeable to having some of their land taken for the widening.

Council had first planned to widen the road to 100 feet as proposed by engineers in the road needs study. However, many of the existing properties had been built too close and the 100 foot width was considered injurious to home owners so council had agreed to widen the road to only 86 feet and had reached agreement with the Department of Highways on this point.

Reeve Bailey pointed out to the residents that taking (Continued on Page 3)

Honor Warden Perkins

A highlight of the year for York County Warden Floyd Perkins will be a banquet in his honor this Friday evening at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Mr. Perkins was elected the 116-year-old county's 107th warden January 17 (some men held the office for more than one year) and has fulfilled the duties of that office during the year with sincerity and devotion. He is only the third representative of the town to hold the honored position, the first being William Pugsley in 1891 and the second W. J. (Tom) Taylor in 1957. Mr. Perkins served for seven years as town councillor under the reevechip of Mr. Taylor and during Mr. Taylor's wardenship represented Richmond Hill on county council as deputy-reeve.

The last man from the south end of the county to don the warden's robes was the late William Clark, reeve of Markham Township, who held the office in 1960.

Born at Victoria Square, Mr. Perkins came to Richmond Hill almost 30 years ago, and has spent 15 of those years in municipal office — seven years as councillor, four years as deputy-reeve and four years as reeve.

He is not the first deputy-reeve to become warden, but he is the first of these men who



WARDEN FLOYD PERKINS

has also served his municipality in the reevechip.

Attending the warden's banquet with Mr. Perkins will be his wife and three children, Joyce (Mrs. Albert Naylor) and Mr. Naylor of Denham Drive, Thornhill; Lois (Mrs. Harold Hemstad) and Mr. Hemstad of Trenton and John, who is teaching at Oakville and his mother, Mrs. Rolph Perkins of Victoria Square, as well as other members of his family.

Defence Counsel Alfred Stong of Richmond Hill is trying to have the charge reduced to manslaughter and application was made this week to the Supreme Court of Ontario for this.

The case is to go before the grand jury today (Thursday) and if sufficient evidence is adduced, will be sent on for trial.

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County Police Forces Attend Seminars Need Youth Dept. To Handle Juveniles

A series of five workshops conducted for police officials of York County by the Canadian Mental Health Association was so successful that a sixth is now planned to see if some practical steps can be taken to alleviate problems disclosed in the discussions.

Need was disclosed for some sort of holding centre for young offenders, for a youth department to deal specifically with juveniles, for a central register so various agencies will be aware of what dealings other agencies have had with the client and a regional counselling team to examine problem children.

"Youth and the Law" was the topic of the final workshop. At the morning session at Wrixon Hall, St. Mary's Anglican Church, discussion was led by a panel consisting of Dr. Paul Perry, director of the psychiatric unit at York County Hospital, Mrs. Jane Lewis, a psychologist with the mental health clinic at the hospital and Alan Nield, a probation officer with the York County Juvenile and Family Court. Panel members were introduced by Dave Porter, attendance counsellor for York South Regional Education Committee.

At the evening session at Bayview Secondary School, Dr. Perry was again on the panel. With him were Mrs. C. Bezoff and Fred Boden, social workers at the York County Hospital.

Prior to the discussion, a film was shown portraying police work in a U.S. city where a youth bureau was in operation and all agreed that a similar bureau was needed in the county. A Metro Toronto officer present advised that there was such a department in Metro but that it had a limited number of personnel to operate it.

The film graphically portrayed how an experienced officer, accustomed to dealing with

Local Artist Gives Centennial Painting

White roses of York will have a prominent place in Richmond Hill's Centennial Chambers as the result of a Centennial gift of a talented local artist.

Otto Grebbe, whose paintings hang in several prominent public buildings throughout Canada, heard Mayor Thomas Broadhurst's plea to artists of all kinds in the municipality to make a birthday gift to Canada in its Centennial year, so that future generations can gain some idea of the kind of people we are. Mr. Grebbe in presenting the oil painting stated, "This country has been very good to me."

In accepting the gift, the mayor thanked the artist for being the only one to heed his plea to give something of his own self, skill and art, and told Mr. Grebbe, "You have been good for Canada."

The yard-square painting features a cluster of white roses, with the Richmond lion identifiable in the shadows of the background.

Richmond Inn Owner Passes In New York

A member of the Toronto Harbor Commission and proprietor of the Richmond Inn Motor Hotel, George A. (Mickey) Wilson died suddenly in New York City Monday night.

Mr. Wilson was in New York to attend the National Foreign Trade Convention with other members of the harbor commission. On returning to his hotel following a joint reception by the harbor board and the Canadian Trade Office, he was taken ill and slumped to the floor in the hotel lobby. He was pronounced dead on arrival in hospital.

A former Toronto alderman and twice chairman of the harbor commission, Mr. Wilson was a long-time owner of the Winchester Hotel on Parliament Street in Toronto but sold this last year. He was a past president of the Ontario Hotel Association.

Mr. Wilson leaves his wife Jean and four married children, Allan, Michael, Joyce and Heather, all of Toronto.

His son Michael was manager of the Richmond Inn from its opening in 1965 until recently.

Swans Will Return In Spring

The two pure-white Centennial swans have not yet returned to the Mill Pond. "The Liberal" learned Tuesday night — nor has the parks board been able to find any trace of their whereabouts. The big white birds still seen on the pond are the ornamental Chinese geese.

The parks board has been in touch with the Toronto Jockey Club, which last fall presented two eggs to Richmond Hill as a Centennial gift. The club reports all its adult birds have also departed, headed south. The local concerned people were assured the birds would return in the spring, and once again make their home on our pond.

Vaughan Must Look To Province For Development Facilities, Is Consensus Of Panel

By MARGARET McLEAN

"Official control of housing and development may be a luxury we can no longer afford without official control of a ceiling on it."

This was the first bone thrown into the arena by Dr. Charles W. Magee, consulting economist, at a meeting called by the Industrial and Commercial Association of Vaughan, October 26 to discuss the housing crisis and lack of development in Vaughan Township.

"We should ignore residential/ industrial balance," was a controversial statement made by E. D. Dempster, president of the Toronto Real Estate Board, another member of the panel.

This was immediately pounced upon by Vaughan Township Reeve Brian Bailey who was also on the panel. Insisting that until the burden of education costs was removed from property assessment, residential development was impossible, he pointed out, "Mr. Dempster is ignoring the democratic fact." Since the same government had been returned in the recent provincial election, he felt there would be no great change in the school grant picture. "The local politician must always adapt to the position in which he finds himself," he said.

Mr. Bailey stressed too, "Industry in Vaughan did not get us what we expected, simply because the province cut the school grants."

Mr. Dempster then modified his first statement and agreed that he would not advocate a municipality "throwing the residential/ industrial balance to the winds in the present political state."

A third member of the panel, prominent Tory Lawyer Richard Rohmer suggested, "If you are going to look at an area such as Vaughan and see why housing isn't here, you have to look at the facilities that are here for services." The reason that there were no housing permits, subdivision developments or apartments in Vaughan he said, was because there were no trunk sewer and water services.

The OWRC has in its hands now an engineering report designed to provide the answer to the sewage problem, he said, but the financial burden of doing so is such that it could only be undertaken by a central government. "Unless the central government recognizes its responsibility and acts upon it, then neither this area nor any other is going to be developed," he insisted.

Pointing out that 81% of the population earns less than \$6,000 per year, Mr. Rohmer stressed that a supply of low cost serviced land was necessary to solve the housing problem. "We must have serviced land at low cost; we must be able to build housing cheaply when we get the land," he said. "Who is going to do this? Have we come to the point where the government must assemble and service land, or can we leave it to private builders? This is a turning point."

An answer to this was provided by the fourth member of the panel, North York Mayor James Service. "The guts of the question is that the government is the only institution that can finance the services and organize urban areas," he stated flatly. "The province should put a ring around Metro and shoot out 100 or 200 miles and develop new areas." This, he said, would slow down the problem of education in Metro because there would be a dispersal.

Mr. Rohmer agreed that this was a central government responsibility but insisted that the provincial government recognizes its responsibility and that regional planning was necessary. "It can't be done instantly," he said, "but it will be done in the next 18 months."

"You say it's being done, but I don't see any evidence of it," complained Mayor Service.

"It is in the planning stage," quipped Dr. Magee whose recent report on the housing crisis was the basis of the discussion and in part was a diatribe against planners.

Sewage was just being used to hold back development, insisted Dr. Magee. "I just came back from a country where they never heard of sewage or sewage plants," he said and reported that the effluent from the septic tank at the hotel where he had stayed could well have been pumped into the swimming pool.

This prompted the query from one of his fellow panelists as to whether or not he was a swimmer.

Dr. Magee also derided the idea of the government assembling land for housing developments. "The government has been assembling land at Malvern for 13 years," he said. "This is proof of the pudding."

Mr. Service's plan of satellite cities one or two hundred miles from Metro found several objectors in the audience, in particular C. D. Milani, well-known North York developer and owner of extensive holdings in Vaughan Township. "According to Mr. Service, we may as well sell our holdings in Vaughan and go and live in Timmins," he said. What he wanted to know, said Mr. Milani, was "If taxes are related to assessment, and assessment is related to grants and grants are related to planning then who controls planning in Vaughan Township? Shouldn't the taxpayers control planning?" he asked.

This brought a defense of planning and planners from Reeve Bailey. "Planning is not a dirty word," he said. "Planning is mainly common sense."

Planning had come into being he said, because people built houses in a nice area but then found they had no control over the empty lot next door. "The whole business of planning is good," he insisted, "but unfortunately sometimes when planners get into Queen's Park, they become nit-pickers."

Referring to Mr. Magee's preference for septic tanks, he offered that if Mr. Magee could find financial backing for a shopping centre providing all the necessary facilities that people require such as a laundromat, restaurant, etc., and served by septic tanks, Vaughan would be quite willing to go ahead on it.

"If and when the sewage disposal problem is solved, Vaughan

motherhood if you don't vote for that school," he said.

Mr. Dempster commented sympathetically that it was evident "You people here have given up hope of controlling your own destinies. You are in the vortex, your problems are bigger than Vaughan and bigger than Metro. It is a provincial problem," he continued. "Every service which is bigger than a municipality, such as schools and trunk services, should be turned over to the province."

This found agreement from Vaughan Township Planning Board Chairman P. A. Deacon who was in the audience. Pointing out that "the shotgun wedding that produced Metro" came about purely and simply because individual municipalities were unable to solve their problems, he stated firmly, "The only other answer has to come from the province."

Moderator of the panel was Dr. A. J. Dakin, head of the department of urban and regional planning at the University of Toronto. He was introduced by the president of the Industrial and Commercial Association of Vaughan, William Sills, who opened proceedings. Close to 200 people attended the meeting which was held at Mart Kenney's Ranch, Pine Valley Rd.