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## Ask For Southern Six Bd. Of Education York Central, Vaughan, Markham, Woodbridge Send Briefs To Davis

By MARGARET McLEAN

Although the provincial government's White Paper dealing with the new county boards of education was not forthcoming January 10 as indicated earlier, several facets of the new legislation have become known.

Steering committees are to be established throughout the province to plan and prepare for the move to the county boards. Each existing school board is to be asked to appoint one member to the steering committee. D. W. Scott, superintendent of education for the Western Ontario region of the Department of Education, announced the formation of the committees in a letter to the Sarnia Board of Education the first week in January.

York Central High School Superintendent S. L. G. Chapman advised the York Central Board of the necessity of appointing a member to the steering committee at the January 9 inaugural meeting of the board but no such member was appointed at the meeting.

It is also understood that representation on the new county boards is to be on the basis of assessment, not population. This would give more heavily industrialized areas like Vaughan and Markham Townships more representation on the board here.

It had also been learned that the new county boards of education are to issue their own debentures for capital expenses. This has been the case with separate school boards in Ontario for many years. Local public school boards now have their debentures issued by the municipality while high school boards have debentures issued for them by York County.

At a meeting in Newmarket last December, attended by representatives of all the boards in the county, it had been decided to await the government's white paper before proposing any alternatives to the suggested plan.

Mr. Chapman had been told however, that the Minister of Education, was waiting to hear

from trustees but that if nothing was heard from them by the end of the week, he would assume there was no objection and printing of the legislation would be proceeded with.

The York Central Board had agreed at a special meeting in December to send a letter from the chairman to the minister, requesting that there be two boards in York County, one for the rest of the county. The letter was not sent however, as Chairman Allan Peck felt that stronger action should be taken, that a brief should be sent.

The board quickly agreed January 9 and a short brief was delivered to Queen's Park the next day. It pointed out that the boards in the Southern Six area had already been co-operating in the provision of special services through the York South Regional Education Committee, with most boards subscribing to some or several of all services made available.

It mentioned too that separate school boards had been co-operating in the shared services

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## Planning Committee Reports Tonight

Richmond Hill Public School Board's ad hoc committee on planning will present its report at a special board meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. Former Trustee and Chairman Walter Hutchinson, who was a member of the committee last year will be present for the discussion of this report, which was deferred from the December 28 meeting. The superintendent's report on census projects will also be presented and discussed. This is a public meeting.

At last Thursday's regular meeting, Mrs. Deena Simpson was re-elected chairman and Jack Knott was re-elected vice-chairman for 1968. Their names were the only ones placed in nomination. Mrs. Simpson was first elected chairman in September 1967.

Ken Tomlin Jr. is the only new member of this year's board. A resident of Harding Boulevard in Ward 3, he received his education in the town's public and high schools. Mr. Tomlin replaces Mr. Hutchinson, who did not seek

re-election for this final year of the board's existence. In January 1969 it will become part of a larger unit of administration under the new Roberts plan for county public school systems.

Other trustees are Peter Sale, David Service, Mrs. Phyllis Hawkes, James LeMoine and Larry Schell.

In accepting the acclamation to the chairmanship, Mrs. Simpson stated that 1968 would be a challenging year for the board. It will be called on to assume a dual personality in looking after the needs of children in the local schools and to make itself cognizant of what is going on all over the county. "I hope that when leadership is needed we can help," Chairman Simpson stated.

The nomination and election of the chairman was conducted by Board Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Street and Rev. William Moore of the Anglican Church of St. Gabriel the Archangel, spoke briefly and gave the prayer of invocation.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Among the thousands of snow shovellers Monday, in the wake of the worst storm in this area in 20 years, were seven-year-old Michelle and six-year-old Christopher Gaffney of Alper Street, Richmond Hill, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaffney. They are seen above on top of a huge pile of snow, typical of many throughout the municipality.

## Rain, Sleet, Snow, Wind Wreak Havoc

Although hit by the week-end storm of rain, sleet, nine inches of snow and winds up to 30 miles per hour, Richmond Hill and its neighboring townships fared considerably better than Metro Toronto.

In Toronto it is expected that many streets will not be cleared until today (Thursday), telephone service was completely restored yesterday and Metro homes were blacked out and were without heat and light for up to 30 hours.

In London a 100-block area in the north-central district, including the home of Premier John Robarts, was without hydro service for 36 hours.

Tribute was paid at Monday night's council meeting to the efficient work of the Richmond Hill Works Department employees in keeping the town's thoroughfares open during the weekend storm.

The standby crews were out standing when the rain and sleet started early Sunday. When the precipitation changed to snow driven by high winds the snowplows began operations and never stopped until all roads were open after the snow had ceased.

Tuesday the plows continued to work on the roads winging back the snow. This operation is often the cause of outcries from residents who have spent hours shovelling out their driveways only to have the plows dump the snow back during the winging back operations. It was pointed out by members of council's works committee that as much snow as possible from driveways was thrown onto the lawns and the remainder thrown to the right of the driveway, the plows would not have as much snow to wing back and would have the area from one driveway to the next in which to dispose of the extra snow, with less left to be deposited in the drive. If the winging back is not done, in the event of another storm there is no place for the plows to get rid of the fresh fall.

It was also noted that cars should not be left on the streets overnight during a storm. A parked car forces the snow plow to detour around it and reduce the width of the plowed road.

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## Ontario Liberal Leader Robert Nixon and County School Boards See Story on Page 2.

Mr. Chapman also advised the York Central Board January 9 that unless the Department of Education received briefs or information by the end of that week about any

Pale Colored \$10's

## Six Bogus Bills Area Is Warned

Six counterfeit ten dollar bills were passed in several Richmond Hill stores last Friday. The bogus money was turned in to Richmond Hill Police by the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Bank of Commerce and the Guaranty Trust Company.

The bills are of a poor quality when compared with a genuine ten dollar bill but are good enough to pass casual inspection. They are recognized by the washed out, pale color of the bill and by the indistinct features of the queen and the scene on the reverse side. The serial numbers T/T 5814121 and N/T 7437641 have been recovered on all the bills recovered so far.

Richmond Hill Police report that no suspects have been apprehended as yet. Other county police departments have not discovered any of the counterfeit bills in their districts.

However, Metro Police are warning merchants and bankers to be on the lookout for \$15,000 in Royal Bank Travelers' cheques, stolen in a \$21,000 robbery in December.

The stolen cheques are in three denominations: \$10 cheques with serial numbers B704001 to 704500 inclusive; \$20 cheques D633701 to D634200 inclusive; B704001 to B704500 inclusive; and \$50 cheques bearing the numbers E5-5341 to E525460.

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## Rumble Adjourns Mkhm Council Meet As Deputy-Reeve Refuses To Obey Gavel

Reeve Stewart Rumble brought Markham Township Council's first meeting of the year to an abrupt close when Deputy-Reeve S. J. Gadsby ignored the gavel and refused to heed calls for order.

"I am not going to listen to conversation like that," he declared. "When members of my council talk like that I am going home."

Even after Mr. Rumble left, Mr. Gadsby continued his tirade, continued to exchange invectives with Councillor Allan Sumner and even drew Township Clerk Harry Crisp into it.

The eruption arose out of Mr. Gadsby's insistence that the Finance and Management committee include heads of departments. He felt that discussion was needed on management problems, that there had been a breakdown of morale for lack of communication.

Councillor Sumner disagreed however and contended that staff members should bring problems to a committee of council and the reeve supported this stand. "Any member of the staff has the prerogative to come to me as the reeve," he reminded Mr. Gadsby.

Mr. Rumble also stated that he believed it was wrong for a member of council to be involved in management. "We are here to make policy decisions and pass these on to management to carry out," he said.

He noted that while Mr. Gadsby had time to devote to details, not all councillors (past or future) can spend so much time.

When the vote was called, Mr. Gadsby's motion lost, but he refused to accept defeat. He complained that he had been refused information by a department head, was told that there

wasn't time to get it and wanted authority to demand it.

Leaving through the Municipal Act, Councillor Sumner read from Section 216 which states that "any person, at all reasonable hours, may inspect any record, book accounts, etc. in possession of the clerk, except those being processed or in the hands of the solicitor . . . and that such records would be supplied within a few days."

Mr. Gadsby, supported by Councillor Charles Hoover, then moved that "any member of a council committee be supplied with any information of township affairs that he may require." Councillor Sumner announced the motion to include the phrase "within the guidelines of Section 216 of the Municipal Act."

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