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Educ'n Minister Davis Admits County Boundaries Not Ideal

Several hundred York County school teachers were told March 28 by Education Minister William Davis that the new county board of education would give them an unequalled opportunity never available in the past, to develop a philosophy of education.

Mr. Davis addressed the teachers at a meeting called by the York County Committee of the Ontario Teachers' Federation, held at Huron Heights Secondary School, Newmarket.

"There is a very real need for greater involvement on the part of professional teachers," Mr. Davis said. "Who knows better than the working classroom teacher about the problems that all teaching contracts in the new board will face and exist at the end of this year would be honored by the new board next January."

He emphasized that the new system had not been developed in the interests of either teachers or trustees, but in the interests of all children. Due to the increased mobility of population and the ever-increasing drift of young people from rural areas to the cities, it was ab-

solutely essential, he said, that their educational experience should be identical to that of city children.

Special education and special services were needed all over the province, he said, and under the present system, there was no equality in the programs offered. Nor is it possible to provide this equality with very small school systems educating 150 or 200 youngsters. "We must recognize that the size of the administrative unit relates to the quality of the educational program to be offered," he insisted.

While he admitted that the county boundaries of the new boards were not ideal in all respects, "What are the alternatives?" he asked. The possibility of taking boundaries of present districts had been discussed in depth, he said, but these often cut across both township and county boundaries. "In the end, we came down to county boundaries as a reasonable base."

After his rapid-fire, off-the-cuff, three-quarter of an hour speech, Mr. Davis answered written questions for a further three-quarter hour period.

Asked what guarantee a secondary school department head would have as to freedom to choose text books and the like, he replied that in all cases this freedom does not exist now but that he hoped under the new system it would, that more confidence would be

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Youth Support Paul Hellyer

Several local young people boarded the "Hellyer Special" at the Union Station Tuesday morning, part of the contingent of 60 "Metro Stompers" who will demonstrate in favor of Liberal Leadership Candidate Paul Hellyer at the Ottawa convention this week.

Among them are Susan Bailey, Richvale, Nancy Fraser, Maple, Lawrence McLean, Concord, David Turner, Markham Village and David Pettit, Unionville.

The young people will wear special red and white uniforms and will demonstrate at the Chateau Laurier, the Skyline, Beacon Arms and Lord Elgin Hotels, will be at the Ottawa Civic Centre Thursday night for Pearson's farewell and in hospital suites, will be in the centre Friday night when the candidates speak and again on Saturday when the voting takes place. They will also meet delegates arriving in the capital by train and plane.

"They'll be right there where the action is," said Dan Poyntz, a delegate from the York North Liberal Association and a prominent member of the Hellyer Committee.

Mrs. Eleanor Robertson

Richmond Hill Public Schools Library Supervisor Appointed

Mrs. Eleanor Robertson, B.A., B.L.S.C., was appointed library supervisor for Richmond Hill Public Schools at last week's board meeting. She will also retain the position of librarian in Crosby Heights Public School but a full-time assistant will be appointed to assist in the work of cataloguing and processing books, and cataloguing all new books and establishing procedures to catalogue all library books at charge of the supervisor.

Mrs. Robertson joined the local public school system as a classroom teacher in 1956. She took a sabbatical leave in 1965-66 during which she received her Bachelor of Library Science degree and in September 1966, on the opening of the senior school at Crosby Heights, was appointed teacher-librarian there.

She is also co-author with Principal Nathan Davidson of MacKillop of English text books which are in use in schools throughout the province.

Superintendent Gordon McIntyre reported that the development of the learning resource centres in Crosby Heights and Beverley Acres Schools indicates the need for development of procedures of ordering and cataloguing books, and the Association by classroom teachers and their pupils of techniques to make effective use of the learning centres.

The board also authorized the business administrator to proceed with obtaining approval of the Department of Education for purchase of a portable classroom for Walter Scott School and for conversion of the former kindergarten into the third library in the school system. The superintendent was authorized to appoint a teacher-librarian for this school.

High School Costs Up 19% As Budget Nears 5 Million

With teachers' salary rates up 14% and enrolment up 8%, York Central District High School Board's 1968 budget shows an increase of 19.1% over last year.

It is expected to cost \$4,977,200 this year to operate the system's five secondary schools, and the sixth one which will open next September.

Of this amount, \$2,693,500 will be levied against the four municipalities, \$1,682,062 or 37.5% from Vaughan Township, \$940,706 or 4.7% from Woodbridge. This will mean an increase of 3.8 mills for secondary school costs for taxpayers of

the figure is based on only a 3% increase in teachers' salaries this year. The growth in school population requires a 7.3% in salaries and a further 2% is added by a lowering of the teacher-pupil ratio.

Long term debt charges are also up this year to \$539,917 from \$424,878, reflecting the first instalment due on the debentures for the new Thornlea School which opens in September. Debt charges this year account for 10.85% of the board's budget.

Auxiliary services have also increased from \$79,137 to \$103,600, due to the hiring of additional psychological staff in the fall of 1968. Due to staff limitations, full service was not available in 1967.

To meet the increased costs, York Central will

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David DePoe On NDP Panel On April 10

David DePoe of the Company of Young Canadians and sometimes referred to as Canada's voice for the Hippies will be in Richmond Hill April 20.

Mr. DePoe will be one of three persons participating in a panel discussion sponsored by the York Centre Riding Association of the New Democratic Party.

The others will be NDP members Peter Burnett of Richmond Hill and Maurice Windatt of Pine Grove. Mr. Windatt is a former member of Vaughan Township Council.

The subject will be "Democracy, Do We Really Have It?"

Locals will be Richmond Hill Public Library at 8 pm.

Also featured will be a folk singing group from Richmond Hill called Les Collages.



WILLIAM DAVIS
Hopes For Less Red Tape

Anthony Roman Seeks Tory Nomination

Anthony Roman, who is now in his third year as Ward 11 Councillor in Markham Township, intends to seek the Tory nomination in the new federal riding of York North, "The Liberal" learned this week.

Mr. Roman was not available for comment as he is out of town until April 8. His home address is RR 2 Gormley and he lives on 17th Avenue in Markham Township. He holds an executive position with Denison Mines, of which his uncle Stephen Roman, a prominent Toronto industrialist, is president.

Due to the resignation of Richard Rohmer, QC, in October last year, for health reasons, a nominating meeting has been called by the York North Federal Conservative Association for May 29 at Thornhill Secondary School.

Mr. Rohmer, a Toronto lawyer, who had been actively at work in the riding for several months, took a prominent part in the PC leadership campaign in support of former Finance Minister Donald Fleming, last September. At the time of his resignation it was reported he was suffering from stomach ulcers.

All prospective candidates are asked to make their intentions known to Association President Bob Sherwood, 50 Silver Aspen Drive, Thornhill, as soon as possible.

York North with 245 polls is one of the largest ridings in Canada, so the organization feels a candidate must be selected soon to have sufficient opportunity to become known in all areas.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

78 Years With Company He Founded

To commemorate 78 years of service with the company in England and in Canada of its Chairman and Founder Martin Ratcliff, Ratcliff's (Canada) Limited has presented a cheque to York Central Hospital to pay for a two-bed room.

Mr. Ratcliff (left above) who was visiting the Canadian plant located in Richmond Hill, made the presentation to Chairman of the Board Stuart Parker, QC (right) March 25.

For a detailed report of the hospital association's annual meeting see Page 20 of this issue.

Planning Board:

Shy Of Approving More Apartments

To approve or not to approve. That was the question confronting members of the Richmond Hill Planning Board last week as they considered an application for a 106-suite apartment building on Essex Avenue.

The board of the general opinion that — although the area in question was zoned for apartments — the question of services, school accommodation, plus other factors tended to "discourage" approval.

Other factors: A 56-suite apartment in the same region at Markham Road and Bayview Avenue already approved and built and soon to start operation.

Two other proposals again in the general area — a 37 suite apartment building at Markham Road and Norfolk Avenue and a 28-suite apartment building at Elmwood Avenue and Colborne Avenue.

The four projects — if all approved — would add up to 227 suites and obvious complications involving school accommodations and the providing of services.

Result: The board, after considerable pondering, decided that it would be inadvisable to approve the 106-suite building for the time being due to a lack of adequate park space, lack of school accommodations and a lack of services and road access.

It also approved a motion by member Howard Whillans that council be requested to seriously consider the availability of services before approving any additional apartment applications.

The discussion on services found board members treading a familiar but seemingly still obscure pathway.

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Markham Council Passes \$600,000 Road Budget

Markham Township Council last week passed a bylaw allocating the expenditure of \$600,000 on township roads this year.

This is the estimated cost of construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and culverts. Included in the estimates were surface treatment and improvements for about eight miles of road; 1 1/4 miles on 18th Avenue from Don Mills to Concession 5; 1 1/4 miles on Concession 3 from Highway 7, to 16th Avenue; 1 1/4 miles on Concession 5 from 16th to 17th Avenue; 1 mile on 16th Avenue from Highway 48 to Concession 9, and Concession 10 from Steeles Avenue to Highway 7.

Also planned is the widening of Steeles Avenue from the CNR line to Leslie Street and the installation of storm sewers, curb boxes and asphalt topping of Henderson Avenue from Clarke Avenue to John Street.

Acquisition of land for the extension of John Street between German Mills Road and Woodbine Avenue is expected to cost \$50,000.

A tender for \$34,213 for the construction of a culvert on 16th Avenue between Concessions 7 and 8 had previously been awarded to Dagmar Construction Company and last week council approved a price of \$5,756 submitted by the same firm for work not included in the original price, including re-location of existing structures, re-location of the water channel, etc.

Council was meeting for the first time in the new south wing of the enlarged municipal offices at Buttonville and members expressed approval of their new quarters.

Cost of the new wing and renovations to the old section of

the building amounted to \$270,000 with new furnishings bringing the total cost to approximately \$300,000. Another \$5,000 could be added to the cost for solution to a drainage problem which still exists on the property. It has not been decided whether a deep drain should be constructed to the east of the building or sump pumps installed.

The new council chamber is larger than the old, air conditioned and carpeted with blue tweed broadloom. Behind the dais is a birch panelled backdrop.

Jack Grant of Hengran Development Limited attended the meeting and presented council with a handsome painting by R. E. Elmore, dated 1883, to be hung in the new building.

Color schemes throughout the building are bright and the new furnishings are attractive and functional.

An official opening of the building will be held, possibly in June when landscaping of the property is complete.

Six-Day Cycle School Calendar

Attention of students and teachers at Richmond Hill High School, Bayview, Langstaff and Thornhill Secondary Schools is drawn to the six-day cycle calendar for school schedules which is printed on Page 8 of this issue.

For their convenience, "The Liberal" will publish a similar calendar at the beginning of each month.

There will be no excuse for arriving at school with books for the wrong subjects!

Eight York North Liberals In Ottawa But Support Divided Among Several Candidates

By MARGARET McLEAN

It is a sharply divided delegation which is attending the Ottawa Liberal Leadership Convention representing the York North Federal Liberal Association. One delegate supports External Affairs Minister Paul Martin, one Minister of Transport Paul Hellyer, one Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp and one Minister of Consumer Affairs John Turner.

The other four delegates are uncommitted, although one is undecided between Mr. Hellyer and Mr. Turner and one between Minister of Justice Pierre Trudeau, Hellyer or Turner.

Daniel Poyntz, president of the York North Association, has been a member of the Metro Toronto Hellyer Committee since last summer and is its financial chairman. A Hellyer man all the way, he would mention no second choice for the leadership.

A "Pearson Liberal," Mr. Poyntz came into the party during the Prime Minister's time in opposition and has worked in all federal campaigns since. He has been a member of the advisory council of the Liberal Federation of Canada since 1962. He was campaign chairman for Charles Templeton in his bid for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party in 1964.

Mr. Poyntz supports Paul Hellyer because "of his ability to think things out and to have

them well organized." Married and the father of three children, Mr. Poyntz lives on Manorcres Drive in the Bayview-Finch area and is in the life insurance business. He is manager and owner of D. A. Poyntz Insurance.



JOSEPH HAFFEY
Supports Sharp

M. Joseph Haffey, QC, member of the legal firm of Haffey, Sherwood, lives on Banstock Drive, Willowdale, and is vice-president of the York North Association. "I have been active in the Liberal Party for 20 years, as were my father and grandfather before me, right back to Confederation," Mr.

Haffey stated proudly. Although he is not active on his committee, Mr. Haffey supports Mitchell Sharp in the leadership contest and has worked for him previously. He would name no second choice, "There are many good men, all quite capable and it is hard to choose," he said.



SAM COOK
Martin, Winters

Sam Cook, a former president of the York North Liberal Association and a resident of Richmond Hill since 1951, favors Martin and Winters. "I feel Canada is passing through a very difficult time,

both in the matter of Quebec and our national economy. We need a firm hand at the helm in order to keep the ship of state afloat. I am one Liberal who feels the experience and record of service of both Mr. Martin and Mr. Winters will be sorely needed in the months ahead."

A former president of the Canadian University Liberal Federation, Mr. Cook has served in various executive offices since first elected as secretary of the county organization in 1955. At present he is president of the York Centre provincial organization and a vice-president of the federal body.

Married and the father of three sons, 39-year-old Donald Stephenson has lived on Harding Boulevard, Richmond Hill for 14 years and is also a vice-president of the association. He is divisional advertising manager of Dow Chemical of Canada Limited.

Still uncommitted himself, Mr. Stephenson feels the election will be "a real cliff-hanger" between Trudeau, Hellyer and Turner.

Mr. Stephenson advises that he has spent considerable time phoning party members, making an unofficial impression survey. However, the impression he has received is a very mixed one, although he did detect a "distinct feeling against old-guard politicians."

looks and acts under 50," Mr. Stephenson said. "The largest chunk of the voters is in the under-40 group and these



DON STEPHENSON
Trudeau, Hellyer, Turner

people do not have a strong party allegiance. They will vote for image, style and I can't see this group, who often switch votes, going for an older man with the old political, wheeler-dealer image. The public is much more sophisticated now and votes much more intelligently."

Each riding association was instructed to appoint one woman delegate and attending



Mrs. Hilda Kelly
Martin, Winters, Hellyer

the convention from York North will be Mrs. Hilda Kelly of Buttonville.

The wife of a well-known veterinarian Dr. George Kelly, Mrs. Kelly has lived at Buttonville for over 20 years and taught school there prior to her marriage. An active worker in the WMS of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church and the Buttonville W.I. Mrs. Kelly has also been a Liberal Party worker for many years and is now president of the Markham Township Women's Liberal Association.

Mrs. Kelly remains uncom-

mitted in her choice of a leader for the party, however. "I have not heard all the candidates and feel it is not fair to make a decision until I have," she said. "I have read all the literature, but that is just other people's opinions and I want to form my own."

Mrs. Kelly felt however, that the leading contenders in the race are Martin, Trudeau, Hellyer and Winters. She left for Ottawa Wednesday and planned to meet as many of the candidates as possible in small gatherings and then to form an opinion.

Each riding association is also sending a Young Liberal to the convention and although York North has, as yet, no Young Liberal Association, 18-year-old Regis Trudel of 58 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, has been elected to attend in this capacity.

Regis worked for Donald Deacon, York Centre Liberal MLA in the last provincial election and for the past several months has been active in organizing Young Liberal Associations in Toronto and is presently organizing a local group.

A grade 13 student at Brebeuf College, the convention has come at an awkward time for Regis as he is in the middle of writing examinations. He wrote a paper Thursday morning and was to leave at 5 pm that day for Ottawa but has another paper

to write the following Monday morning. In spite of this, however, he is enthusiastic about attending the convention and feels it a great responsibility. Not completely committed, he feels his choice will be between Hellyer and Turner. "Both have youth to look at the future and not be stymied by the past," he said. "Both have experience, would have good images for an election and both show leadership qualities."

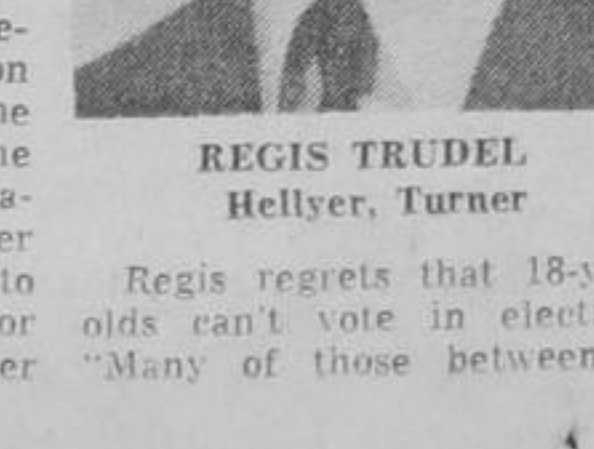
Regis regrets that 18-year-olds can't vote in elections. "Many of those between 18

and 21 are more enthusiastic and politically minded than older people," he said. Regis intends to attend the University of Toronto next year and plans to major in political science.

This area's two elected representatives will also have a vote at the convention. Although he could not be reached personally, York North MP John Addison is reported a firm supporter of John Turner for the top post.

Donald Deacon, successful Liberal contender for York Centre in last October's provincial election, will not leave for Ottawa until tonight (Thursday) at the close of the sitting of the Ontario Legislature. Although he has been a strong supporter of Justice Minister Pierre Trudeau, he stated that he now leans somewhat to Winters and thinks both types are needed. He is also favorably inclined to Hellyer but added, "I have a lot to find out yet."

Three alternate delegates elected were Ned Belliveau of Grandview Estates in Markham Township, a former newspaperman and now a Toronto advertising executive who is a MacEachen supporter; Malcolm Wardman of Markham Village, an engineer who supports Hellyer and as a Young Liberal alternate, Richmond Hill lawyer Alfred Stong Jr., who is a Martin supporter.



REGIS TRUDEL
Hellyer, Turner