

Revise Program For Retarded In Aurora

Robert MacKenzie New Hospital Head

Health Minister Dr. Matthew ...
 ... announced the ap-
 ... of a hospital admin-
 ... for the Ontario Hospi-
 ... Mentally Retarded Adults
 ... Aurora.
 The new administrator, Rob-
 ... MacKenzie, assumed the
 ... position late in March
 ... after commuting for several
 ... months between the Northeast-
 ... Psychiatric Hospital at Por-
 ... pine, where he was adminis-
 ... trator.



ROBERT MacKENZIE

Mr. MacKenzie's appointment,
 ... a Department of Health
 ... spokesman, is in keeping with
 ... the department's policy of in-
 ... ducing business administra-
 ... tors in all Ontario hospitals.
 The superintendent and medi-
 ... cal director at Aurora, Dr. Len
 ... Rice, retired at the end of April
 ... after more than 26 years with
 ... the Department of Health. Dr.
 ... Rice was employed at the Ontario
 ... Hospital, Woodstock for 18
 ... years before coming to the Au-
 ... ra Hospital.
 "The appointment comes at a
 ... time when long range plans for
 ... the Aurora Hospital encompass
 ... program of reconstruction and
 ... organization in line with the
 ... new concepts of assistance for
 ... the mentally retarded," said a
 ... health department press release.
 The new concept of treatment
 ... of the mentally retarded is more
 ... humane, Mr. MacKenzie said in
 ... a recent interview. It is no
 ... longer simply a matter of incar-
 ... ceration.
 "There is more emphasis on
 ... training, on speech therapy and
 ... upgrading," he explained. "We
 ... use psychologists and psycho-
 ... metricians who do assessing of
 ... patients. It is half a school and

half a hospital."
 Under Dr. Rice's direction,
 many improvements in treat-
 ... ment have been introduced, and
 ... some patients who were not
 ... able to do anything when they
 ... arrived can now work for a few
 ... hours in the laundry or kitchen,
 ... some small contract work is
 ... done at the hospital such as
 ... packaging and pricing, and pa-
 ... tients work around the grounds.
 "It is menial work, but it is
 ... productive work," Mr. MacKen-
 ... zie said.
 "There are picnics and camp-
 ... outs on the grounds in fine
 ... weather for patients who are
 ... able to participate.
 A staff of 133 is employed to
 ... supervise and maintain the
 ... large four-story building which
 ... houses 205 adult male patients.
 A small addition now under
 ... construction will provide re-
 ... creation facilities, and a direc-
 ... tor of activities will be added
 ... to the staff.
 "Our aim is to provide the
 ... best optimum life for these
 ... people, to achieve higher stand-
 ... ards of living and ability," said

Mr. MacKenzie.
 The new administrator is a
 ... native of Glasgow, Scotland who
 ... has a bachelor of commerce
 ... diploma degree from St. George
 ... Williams University in Montreal
 ... and a diploma in hospital ad-
 ... ministration from the Univer-
 ... sity of Toronto.
 In a broad brouge and with a
 ... cheery smile he explained he
 ... enjoys the challenge of re-or-
 ... ganization that confronts him
 ... in his new position. In Porcu-
 ... pine he was responsible for set-
 ... ting up administration of the
 ... new 300 bed psychiatric hospi-
 ... tal which opened about a year
 ... ago.
 Many internal changes will
 ... be needed at the Aurora hospi-
 ... tal, he said, to create a dormi-
 ... tory atmosphere in the wards
 ... and a less institutional atmos-
 ... phere in all parts of the build-
 ... ing.
 Medical supervision of pa-
 ... tients, he said, will be provided
 ... by doctors serving on a part-
 ... time basis and on call from
 ... their private offices in the com-
 ... munity.



Honor Dr. Len Rice On Retirement

A pioneer in his approach to
 ... the mentally retarded adults,
 ... Dr. Len Rice retired April 28
 ... as superintendent of the On-
 ... tario Hospital in Aurora.
 At a reception for Dr. Rice
 ... in the hospital cafeteria April
 ... 25, Dr. Donald Zarfes, director
 ... of the mental retardation ser-
 ... vices branch of the Department
 ... of Health, spoke of the changes
 ... that are being introduced in
 ... treatment centres for the men-
 ... tally retarded.
 Dr. Rice, said Dr. Zarfes, has
 ... been a leader in the move to
 ... improved treatment and train-
 ... ing procedures, and already
 ... had introduced some of the
 ... measure recommended in the
 ... new provincial program.
 He pointed out that three
 ... people have been employed at
 ... Aurora, a resident training cen-
 ... tre for retarded men, to replace
 ... Dr. Rice.

They are Robert MacKenzie,
 ... director of the hospital, Fred
 ... Brett, chief social worker, and
 ... Dr. George Hylands, director of
 ... training.
 In a private interview, Dr.
 ... Rice explained that the new ap-
 ... proach is to develop a program
 ... of activities and behavior mod-
 ... ification which will give the re-
 ... tarded an opportunity to de-
 ... velop his full potential. Many,
 ... he said, can be trained to a de-
 ... gree of independence.
 They can be taught simple
 ... skills and trades and become
 ... productive members of society.
 Dr. Rice graduated in medi-
 ... cine at the University of To-
 ... ronto in 1932, and was in pri-
 ... vate practice to 1941 when he
 ... took a position with the Depart-
 ... ment of Health at the Ontario
 ... Hospital in Woodstock, where
 ... he served until 1947.
 He spent a year at the Mani-
 ... toba School of Mentally Defec-

tive Persons at Portage La
 ... Prairie, then returned to Wood-
 ... stock where he remained until
 ... 1960.
 In the nine years he has been
 ... in Aurora, said Dr. Rice, he
 ... has found the staff very co-
 ... operative, and although some
 ... may be apprehensive of the
 ... changes taking place, "I am
 ... sure it will work out to the
 ... benefit of the staff as well as
 ... the residents we are here to
 ... serve."
 Dr. Rice has been active in
 ... the York County Branch, men-
 ... tal health association for several
 ... years, and has served as vice-
 ... president and finance chairman.
 He is a member of the Amer-
 ... ican Association of Mental
 ... Deficiency and a life member
 ... of the Ontario Psychiatric As-
 ... sociation. He also holds a fel-
 ... lowship in the American Col-
 ... lege of Chest Physicians.
 He and Mrs. Rice plan to re-
 ... tire to Woodstock, where he
 ... will pursue his hobbies in wood-
 ... work, fishing and boating.
 Among those present at the
 ... reception were Fred Boden,
 ... director of Blue Hills Academy
 ... for Disturbed Children; Mrs.
 ... Faye O'Callaghan, executive
 ... secretary-treasurer for York
 ... County Branch CMHA; D. R. A.
 ... Farmer, director of management
 ... services branch, mental health
 ... division, Department of Health;
 ... and W. E. Richards, assistant
 ... administrator at the Aurora
 ... Hospital.

Dr. Rice was presented with
 ... an oil painting, a gift from the
 ... staff, and Mrs. Rice received a
 ... bouquet of roses.
 The York County Branch,
 ... CMHA, had presented Dr. Rice
 ... with a plaque in recognition of
 ... his work with mental defective
 ... at the last April 15 board meet-
 ... ing of the branch.

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Neighborhood Notes

The Jefferson Guide Variety
 ... Show will be held at St. John's
 ... Parish Hall, May 13 at 7.30.
 Tickets are available from local
 ... Guides or at the door for 50
 ... cents.

The ladies' auxiliary for the
 ... Jefferson Guides, Brownies,
 ... Scouts and Cubs held a meeting
 ... at the home of Mrs. Don Work-
 ... man, Gamble Avenue recently
 ... at which plans were made for
 ... the mother and daughter ban-
 ... quet to be held May 20 at St.
 ... John's Parish Hall at 7 pm.
 The community club held its
 ... last meeting of the season Wed-
 ... nesday of last week and ap-
 ... proximately 30 persons attend-
 ... ed. Mrs. Lorraine Laidman
 ... demonstrated the art of making

artificial flowers, after which
 ... everyone made a peony each.
 A short business meeting was
 ... held before and refreshments
 ... were served after the demon-
 ... stration.

Mrs. Verma Seel's grade 5 and
 ... Fred Winterton's grade 4 clas-
 ... ses from Jefferson School at-
 ... tended the current showing at
 ... the McLaughlin Planetarium, at
 ... the ROM recently and enjoyed
 ... an hour's fascinating introduc-
 ... tion to the wonders of space.
 Birthday greetings are ex-
 ... tended to Robert Hailgren, May
 ... 8, Patricia Graden, May 10,
 ... Steven Millar, May 11 and to
 ... Karen MacPhee, May 12.

Church News
 ... Rev. Earl Gerber gave the
 ... second of two sermons on the

Jehovah's Witnesses sect at the
 ... morning service Sunday at St.
 ... John's Anglican.

The service May 11 will be a
 ... celebration of the Holy Com-
 ... munion at 10 am.
 May 15 is Ascension Day and
 ... to mark this third great festi-
 ... val of the church, there will be
 ... a celebration of the Holy Com-
 ... munion at 8 pm.

On Saturday evening at 7
 ... there will be a baseball game at
 ... the church for the junior young
 ... people's group and at 8.30 the
 ... married couples' club will meet
 ... at Allencourt Lanes for a bowl-
 ... ing evening. Refreshments af-
 ... terwards will be served at the
 ... church.

The confirmation service has
 ... been arranged for May 27 at
 ... 8 pm, when the Bishop of the
 ... Diocese, Right Rev. George
 ... Snell will be present.

Cty. Municipalities Will Get Credit For Area School Board Surpluses

Budget uncertainties continue
 ... to plague trustees of York
 ... County Board of Education.

The surpluses and deficits of
 ... the 21 area boards which merged
 ... in January to form the county
 ... board were presented at a
 ... meeting on April 21.

All public school boards re-
 ... ported surpluses ranging from
 ... \$128,000 to \$3,000, but three of
 ... the six district high school
 ... boards wound up the year with
 ... a deficit.

Those with a surplus were
 ... York Central, \$10,000; Aurora,
 ... \$19,000; and Newmarket,
 ... \$35,000.

Those with a deficit were
 ... Markham, \$69,000; Stouffville,
 ... \$18,000; and Sutton, \$53,000.

Trustee Les Burrows of Sut-
 ... ton and Georgina protested that
 ... his board had wound up with a
 ... deficit only because it had fol-
 ... lowed the provincial directive
 ... to stockpile sufficient supplies
 ... to carry through to June, 1969.

"This," he told the board,
 ... "we had not budgeted for."
 Education Director Sam
 ... Chapman had expressed sur-
 ... prise at the deficit in Sutton,
 ... which he described as a board
 ... "Noted for its frugality."

Aurora Trustee Tom Johnston
 ... said Aurora District High
 ... School Board had also bought
 ... up six months supplies, amount-
 ... ing to \$25,000 to \$30,000. "We
 ... should not be penalized and
 ... have to pay for other boards
 ... that were neglectful."

"In Vaughan Township we or-
 ... dered supplies to take us
 ... through to June," said Trustee
 ... Warren Bailie.
 Credit will be given to the
 ... various municipalities for capi-
 ... tal expenditures, Mr. Chapman
 ... told the board, items such as
 ... audio-visual aids, but he was
 ... doubtful that credit would be
 ... given for supplies such as note
 ... books and materials that would
 ... be used up in the course of the
 ... year.

Surpluses he said, would be
 ... credited to the various munic-
 ... ipalities in the 1970 mill rate.
 Areas with many new build-
 ... ings, he said, brought debts with
 ... them to the County Board.

Those with old buildings had
 ... less in the budget for debt pay-
 ... ment.

Public school board surpluses
 ... were: Aurora, \$101,000; East
 ... Gwillimbury, \$69,000; Markham
 ... Village, \$42,000; Markham
 ... Township Area 1, \$24,000;
 ... Markham Township Area 2,
 ... \$8,000; King Township, \$29,000;
 ... Whitechurch Township, \$128,000;
 ... Vaughan Township, \$36,000;
 ... Richmond Hill, \$34,000; Sutton
 ... \$3,000; Stouffville, \$5,000;
 ... Georgina, \$8,000; Woodbridge,
 ... \$9,000; Newmarket, \$16,000;
 ... and North Gwillimbury, \$32,000.

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