

**Collect \$1,200  
Muscular  
Dystrophy**

Richmond Hill Firefighters collected \$1,200 to help fight muscular dystrophy in a house-to-house canvass held November 1 and 8.

This is the first canvass of the town in support of muscular dystrophy in the past eight years and the firefighters expressed satisfaction with the results.

Because of inclement weather the firefighters were unable to cover a portion of the east side of town. If you were missed Chief Alfred Stong said his men will be happy to accept your donation at the Richmond Hill Fire Hall on Wright Street.

**Good Openings For  
Vocational Graduates  
—Manpower Workers**

Graduates from special vocational schools seem to fit into business and industry better than students who have taken occupations courses at composite secondary schools.

At a recent meeting of the York County Board of Education's Advisory Vocational Committee, three representatives of Canada Manpower told of their experiences in placing students from vocational and occupations courses.

Mrs. Jean Chappell and Mrs. Beatrice Cotton came from the Willowdale office, which serves York County west of Woodbine Avenue and east of Dufferin Street to the King Townline.

Earl Tattre represented the Newmarket office, which serves York County municipalities north of the King Townline.

Mr. Tattre said that boys who have completed the two year occupations courses often have a feeling of inferiority and there is some difficulty in placing them, especially those in the 16 to 18 age group. The majority do not fit in with what the employer wants.

On the other hand, in special vocational schools, such as the new Don Head Secondary School, the graduates usually have a good attitude. In North York those who do well in their second year of a vocational course are invited back for a third year.

Mrs. Chappell reported that girls from the two year occupations courses prefer employment near their homes. The attitudes of the girls is fairly good, and there are opportunities for those who have had some commercial work.

The Manpower representatives reported that graduates from special vocational schools seem to fit into business and industry better than those from the occupations classes, and they usually have a good attitude to work.

There is a great need, they said, for young people who have been trained for various service trades such as restaurant work. Welder fitters are in demand. It is an advantage if they have been trained to read blueprints. Students who have had training in key punch operation are also needed.

Graduates from four year business and commerce and four year science, technology and trades fit in well and the fact that they have completed grade 12 makes them more acceptable to employers.

Manpower placement personnel work closely with guidance teachers, said Mrs. Chappell. In the past year she has visited Bayview, Thornhill and Langstaff Secondary Schools to provide information and to assist in placement.

The experience of the Manpower representatives, said Vaughan Trustee Morley Kinnee, chairman of the Advisory Vocational Committee, will assist the board in planning courses for Vocational Schools.

Don Head Secondary School in Richmond Hill is the only special vocational school in York County, and the board is now considering the need for a second similar school in another area.

Special vocational schools offer three year programs to students who are unable to cope with regular secondary school courses.

As well as basic studies in English and mathematics, they have courses in such things as upholstery, building construction, automobile maintenance, horticulture, food preparations, etc.

The committee agreed to invite businessmen to tour the commercial and technical departments of a composite secondary school in January.

The committee also agreed to send Lewis Clement, a non-board member of the Advisory Vocational Committee, to the American Vocational Association Convention in Boston from December 5 to 10. Mr. Clement, a resident of Richmond Hill, was for many years a trustee of the former York Central District High School Board and the Richmond Hill Public School Board.

AURORA: Town council has heard a proposal by Councillor Illyd Harris that it consider establishing a police commission. Since prior notice had not been given, Mayor Dick Illingworth ruled that discussion of the approval would have to wait for a future meeting.

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