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Big Moment For New Brownies

A highlight of the 3rd Richmond Hill Brownie Pack's Mother and Daughter Banquet was the presentation of badges and enrolment of new Brownies. Pictured above Brownies salute as Gillian Cornwall (left foreground) and Wendy Sawyer are enrolled. The banquet and ceremonies took place on November 21 in St. Mary's Anglican Church.



Don Deacon MLA York Centre Reports

Deacon Answers Critics Liberal Party Promise Full Tax Support Roman Catholic High Schools

Liberal Leader Robert Nixon's recent announcement that the Liberal Caucus recommend full tax support for Roman Catholic Separate Schools has concerned many people in the riding. Because there has been some misunderstanding about our position, I believe it important to explain why, after nearly two years of careful consideration and study, I gave my full support to this decision.

Firstly, I am opposed in principle to more than one system of public education. The division of our society into two or more groups on the basis of religious beliefs is a certain way of developing a degree of division in our communities at an early age. However, Ontario did in fact grant Roman Catholics the constitutional right to have a separate school system supported by public funds.

There are now more than 400,000 youngsters in the system in the province, which is about 30% of the total school population.

By denying full tax support to these people, now that the vast majority of youngsters attend beyond grade 10, and now that we are introducing the ungraded system, we are depriving children attending Roman Catholic Separate Schools the same opportunity others have.

In effect, we are agreeing that they have the right but we are trying to force them to give up their system by depriving them of tax support needed to exist. In my view, under these conditions, the Roman Catholic Separate School supporters will become more militant and cause a serious rift in our society.

However, if we grant Roman Catholics the responsibility for deciding whether or not a separate school is needed or sensible, I believe few additional schools will be built. I also believe that in this ecumenical age, all Christians and Jews will soon find a better way of presenting a spiritual emphasis and meaning to life through divisive elements in our school system.

By giving Roman Catholics the full responsibility and onus for developing the best solution for their children we shall achieve greater co-operation and eventually a better solution for all.

United Church

Calls The Liberal Support Roman Catholic High Schools Divisive

An official United Church publication has charged that the Ontario Liberal Party's recently outlined policy advocating tax support for Roman Catholic separate schools may create a serious breach in Roman Catholic-Protestant relations. An editorial in the December 1 issue of the United Church "Observer", while praising the new rapport among Protestants and Roman Catholics, claims that it may be endangered by "reactionary ecclesiastics in search of privilege and opportunist politicians in search of votes."

Sault Plans Memorial To Late Eilert Sand

The late Eilert Sand, planning officer for York County Board of Education, who passed away suddenly on November 2, is to be honored by former students in Sault Ste. Marie, where he was a teacher and a principal before coming to York County.

Mr. Sand was visiting in Sault Ste. Marie at the time of his death. He was a teacher at David Kyle and Campbell Public Schools there prior to enlistment in the RCAF during World War II. On his return to civilian life, he became principal of King George Public School, also in Sault Ste. Marie. Due to Mr. Sand's interest in music and the present musical program in his former school, the Sault Daily Star reports that the memorial may take the form of something for the music department. It is understood that the possibility of renaming the school in his memory is also being discussed.

A native of Sault Ste. Marie and a graduate of the Universities of Toronto and Western Ontario, Mr. Sand served as principal in schools in Vaughan Markham Township and for several years, supervising principal, secretary-treasurer and business administrator for Markham Township School Area 1.

Following the integration of the area boards to form one county board, Mr. Sand was appointed officer for the new board.

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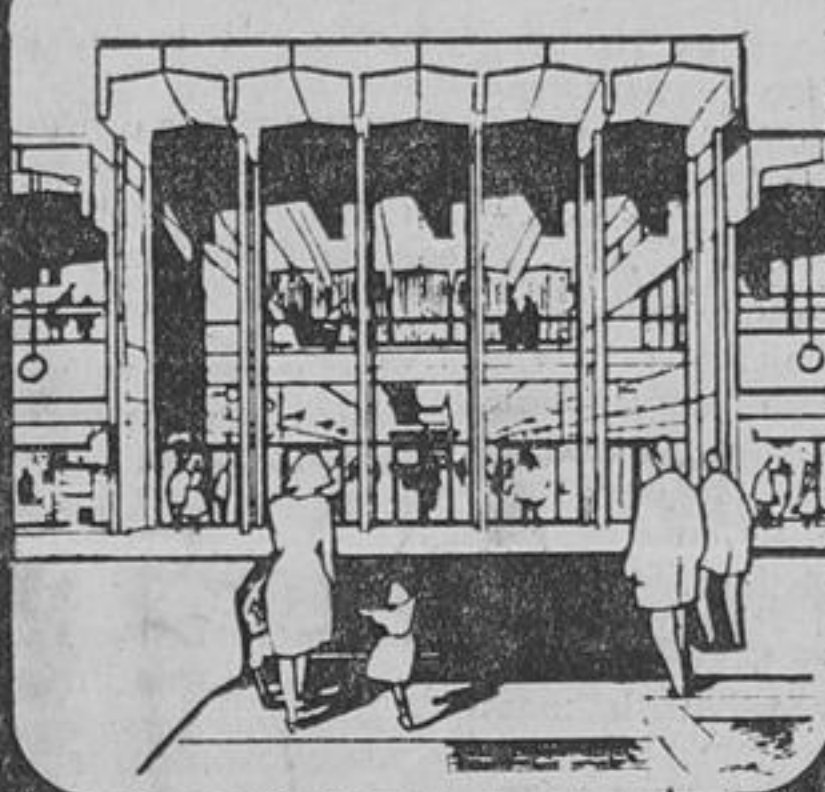
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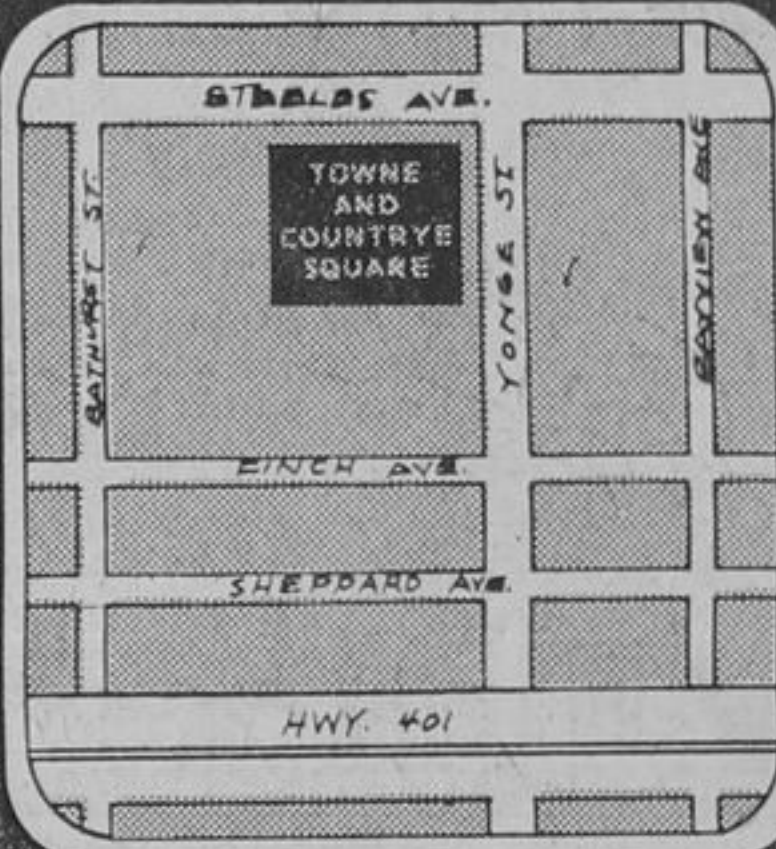
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