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Masterpiece Of Brilliant Comedy

The Importance of Being Earnest, the 13th production staged by the Drama Club of Richmond Hill High School, opened this Wednesday in the school auditorium.

This is probably the most famous of all the modern artificial comedies and revolves gaily and wittily around the most ingenious case of "manufactured" mistaken identity ever put into a play, and the cast, under the excellent direction of Roy Clifton, is well versed in the many nuances of this Oscar Wilde classic.

Pictured above during rehearsal wearing the elegant costumes of the period are David Smith (Jack) and Jodi Loftus (Gwendolen).

The play runs April 1 - 4 and tickets at \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults are available from students or at the door. Curtain time is 8.30 pm.

For York County Schools

Board Approves \$34.8 Million Budget

At a special meeting on Monday, York County Board of Education approved a \$34.8 million budget for education in York County in 1970 — an increase of \$4.7 million over last year's budget.

Chairman John MacKay commented that numerous meetings of staff and trustees have taken place in the past three months in an attempt to whittle the budget to a minimum that would provide equality of education for all of the pupils of the county.

The board, he said, serves 44,000 students and employs 2,000 teachers. An increase of five percent in student enrolment in the past year accounts for \$1.3 million of the added cost of operation.

The board's fleet of 220 buses carries 18,000 students over 10,000 miles twice a day — the equivalent of moving almost every resident of Richmond Hill twice a day. The budget allows \$1,486,727 for transportation.

The two major concerns in compiling the budget, said Mr. MacKay, were to maintain a level of education equal to any available in the province, and at the same time to make sure the taxpayers of the county are getting full value for their school tax dollars.

When the 21 area boards and three retarded children's authorities were combined in January 1969 to form the county board, some services were available in some areas and not in others, Mr. MacKay pointed out.

The 1970 budget includes approximately \$40,000 for four new kindergarten classes in areas where there were no kindergartens prior to September, 1969 and \$20,000 additional to provide Oral French for 900 children who did not previously receive this.

Also in the area of "equality" there is a \$96,000 allowance for field trips (\$2.18 per student) and \$374,000 (\$3.50 per student) for library books and supplies to upgrade school libraries in some areas where these services were inadequate.

Although the board has not yet arrived at an agreement on teacher salaries for the year 1970-71, the budget allows \$22,448,426 — 56 percent of the total for instructional costs compared with \$19,832,796 in the 1969 budget.

Anticipated pay increases will account for about \$2 million of this.

The budget includes \$170,000 for psychological services and \$90,000 for attendance and guidance counselling services which are now available to all schools in the county.

The cost per pupil for these students, explained Education Director Sam Chapman, is approximately double that for regular elementary students.

Costs are even higher for students in classes for perceptually handicapped and one such class provided this year will cost \$12,000 for salaries alone.

A system of master teachers designed to assist and develop beginning teachers accounts for \$267,000 of the budget, and \$70,000 (about \$30 per staff member) has been designated for professional development of teaching, administrative and custodial staff. This includes the cost of almost 100 in-service training courses for teachers, fees for attendance at approved courses offered by universities, etc.

Teaching aids, now available throughout the county, include audio-visual services at a cost of \$239,839. Mr. Chapman explained that \$67,000 of this is for new equipment in schools — motion picture television equipment, tape recorders, film strip viewers, etc. — also \$36,000 for repairs and servicing of equipment already in the schools, and \$45,000 for the building up of a film library. A courier system operating from the Audio-Visual Centre in Maple serves all schools in the county.

"A large percentage of the budget is virtually inflexible," explained Mr. MacKay.

A matter of major concern to the board is the cost of debt charges from previous years.

"Debt charges account for 12 percent of the total budget and are up 16 percent this year as a result of new debenture payments

Highlands and Don Head Secondary School — and additions to other schools — Huron Heights Secondary in Newmarket, Sutton District Secondary and Markham District Secondary.

The board will meet with York County Council in Newmarket tonight (Thursday) to explain the impact of education costs on the municipal tax bills. A more detailed story on the budget will be published in next week's issue of "The Liberal".

NEWMARKET — Dr. Jim Denison of Mount Albert warned that the use of drugs in York County will "mushroom" this summer at a drug panel held by the Maple Leaf Home and School group of East Gwillimbury Heights. He reported there are 40 known users of speed in the George Williams School in Aurora, 20 in Newmarket District High School and an unknown number at Senior School, Whitechurch Huron Heights Secondary.

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Heart Fund Donations Are Up 12% This Year

Richmond Hill area contributed 12% more than last year to the Canadian Heart Fund canvass held in February. The exact total is not known yet since monies received in the Toronto headquarters of the Ontario Division, through the mail from the area, is credited to Richmond Hill. The last reported figure was approximately \$3,500.

Under the direction of Mrs. Harold Monks, Woodlane, 297 people were involved in the month-long campaign and all did an excellent job according to Mrs. Monks, who also has high praise for the young air

cadets who blitzed Maple and King under the supervision of Major Bob McMeekin. Objective this year for Ontario was \$1,000,000. All returns are not in as yet, but the Ontario Heart Foundation informs us they are quite hopeful the objective will be attained — maybe surpassed.

Heart disease is everyone's problem and research should be everyone's responsibility. The annual financial campaign in February enables everyone to share in that responsibility.

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10 Face Hashish Possession Charges After Vaughan Township Police Raid

Ten men and women in their 20s and 30s faced hashish possession charges in Richmond Hill Provincial Court before Judge Russell Pearce this week.

Included were three persons from Richmond Hill, one from Thornhill, four from Willowdale, one from Downsview and one from Bowmanville. The charges followed a police tip-off and raid in Vaughan Township at 8:22 pm January 8 at a residence on Mill Street West near Bathurst Street.

The raid was led by Plainclothes Constable Barry Delaney and his partner, Detective John Tsionis, both of the Vaughan Township Police. They were accompanied by Vaughan Township uniformed personnel and detectives from Richmond Hill.

The court was told a quantity of the illegal drug was found on the premises and nobody would admit possession of it. So all those persons found on the premises were charged.

All those appearing in court were scheduled to face trial, but a key police witness was tied up in a higher court and the trial was postponed until May 7.

But the Crown withdrew charges against six persons and a warrant was issued for the arrest of one person who failed to appear.

The six who had charges dropped were: William Trout, 25, of 77 Highway 7 East, Thornhill; Wayne Toole, 23, of 230 Alsace Road, Richmond Hill; Susan Geno, 20, of 209 Horsham Avenue, Willowdale; James Doran, 28, of Richmond Hill; Maureen Maruno, 20, of 32 Empress Avenue, Willowdale; and Vince Gorman, 37, of RR 3, Bowmanville, presently in a Metro Toronto jail.

Those who continue to face charges include: Wayne Hogan, 27, of Wyvern Road, Willowdale; Garrett Richardson Jr., 27, of 236 Alsace Road, Richmond Hill; Gail Wise, 27, of 449 Kenneth Avenue, Willowdale; and Barry Palneau, 30, of 32 Empress Avenue, Willowdale, who is being sought on a warrant.

SHARON — A 10-acre lot has been purchased for the arena and recreation complex for East Gwillimbury Township and it is hoped the new arena will be ready to open in the fall.

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COMING EVENTS

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SATURDAY APRIL 4 — 10:30 am — 1 pm. Rummage Sale, Legion Court Senior Citizens Centre. Lots of bargains.

APRIL 4, SATURDAY — 5th R.H. Scout Ladies Auxiliary rummage sale, from 9:30—12:00 in the main hall of Richmond Hill United Church (entrance off parking lot). clw40

APRIL 5, SUNDAY 10-6. Antique show and sale, Lions Hall, 106 Centre Street East, Richmond Hill. Furniture, china, glass, silver, jewellery, brass, pictures. Bargains galore. Sale held first Sunday every month. Donation to Leukemia Fund. clw40

FRIDAY APRIL 10, 8 pm. — Elder Mills Old Boys Annual Euchre in Vellore Hall. Excellent euchre and novelty prizes. Lunch provided. Price \$1.00. Come all. Everybody welcome. clw40

SATURDAY APRIL 11. — Rummage Sale, St. Gabriels Anglican Church (corner of Bayview and Crosby Ave. Richmond Hill) 10 am — 12 noon. Good used clothing, white elephant table. c2w40

APRIL 11, SATURDAY — Rummage Sale 10 am. St. Mary Immaculate Parish Hall, Dufferin Street door. Under auspices of C.W.L. #2w40

APRIL 11, SATURDAY 1:30 pm. — Rummage and Bake Sale, Maple United Church C.E. Buildings. c2w40

SATURDAY APRIL 11. — 8 pm — 1 am. Richvale Lions Club "Mini Pot" draw. Monte Carlo and Dance Night at Richmond Hill Lions Hall. \$2.50 per person with buffet and bar. Door and Spot prizes. c2w40

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15. — The Richmond Hill Jaycees are holding a Tupperware Party at 8 pm at St. Gabriels Church. Admission 25c. Door prize. Everybody welcome. clw40

Police Crime Report

2 Richmond Hill Juveniles Charged With Intoxicating Fluid Sniffing

Charges of sniffing an intoxicating solvent were laid against a 14-year-old and a 12-year-old by Richmond Hill Police last week.

This was the first such charge laid by town police under the Juvenile Delinquents Act as police continue their efforts against the rising tide of teenage drug use, according to Deputy-Chief Joseph Raimey.

The two juvenile offenders were caught in the act behind a building.

Vaughan Township Police report that incidents of vandalism are continuing in the Richvale area.

The National Sign Ltd. shop at 9218 Yonge Street and the Richvale Chapel again had windows broken on March 29.

The Richvale Library had some windows broken March 28, but police found everything apparently in order inside the building.

Also on March 29 someone removed the ceiling tiles from the Concord Post Office lobby.

A Snow Fury Snowmobile was stolen March 30 from a Yonge Street address north of Richmond Hill in Vaughan Township. On the same day four wheel discs were taken from an automobile parked at Summit Ford near Woodbridge.

Also March 30 a battery was stolen from a car parked in a Jane Street driveway.

In Thornhill March 27 two "mini" motorcycles valued at \$400 were stolen from a garage at the home of Irwin Valliant of 63 Almond Avenue. Markham Township Police say the small vehicles have not been recovered as yet, and that they may have been stolen the night of March 26 when some noise was reported in the vicinity. Two years ago some youngsters in Markham Township were caught in a similar theft and were planning to build a go-cart.

In Richmond Hill March 27 (Good Friday) there was apparently an attempted break-in at Kenzie Pharmacy, 48 Yonge Street North, between 6.30 pm and 8.30 am. A small screen

was removed from a rear window, but no entry was gained.

On the night of March 28 a 1968 Triumph motorcycle belonging to Ivan Shelton was stolen from the driveway at 57 Bedford Park Avenue, Richmond Hill. The machine was valued at close to \$1,000 and hadn't been recovered at last report.

In Vaughan Township on March 28 someone entered the York County roads shed on Keele Street and tried to remove a tractor.

There was a forced entry over the weekend at Surf Marine Company, 9002 Yonge Street in Richvale. Another motorized "mini-bike" was stolen and it was recovered Tuesday along the railroad line at the Langstaff prison farm property.

On March 30 someone broke into the club house and chalet at the Uplands Golf and Country Club. A soft drink cooler was broken open and a humidifier was dumped in the river.

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