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York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board is gradually introducing the new programs in science into its schools, adding equipment as quickly as budgeting will permit.

At a recent meeting science teachers demonstrated to the trustees the type of program recommended for use in elementary schools and explained the method of teaching.

Pictured above, centre, Robert Zoskey, vice-principal of Notre Dame School in Newmarket, describes a piece of equipment to Board Chairman Eugene Jacobs and Thornhill Trustee Mrs. June Mallon as Adam Young, (far left), a teacher at St. Robert's School, Thornhill, looks on.

Children Learn Science Through "Kitchen Physics"

BY MARGARET LADE

At their regular meeting October 6, the trustees were treated to a lesson in the new science as three teachers described the program and demonstrated some of the equipment used.

The processes of science should be stressed in the early grades, the board was told, rather than traditional content or concept sequences.

The teachers are devoting a great deal of time to making the program interesting and challenging, said Assistant Superintendent John Zupacnic.

They are taking part in two four-day workshop sessions this school year, one this month at Notre Dame School in Newmarket, and another four-day session at the same school in February.

The school's Vice-Principal Robert Zoskey will be one of the resource teachers giving the course, which will also be attended by teachers from York County Board of Education and from the Metro area. It is being planned under joint sponsorship of the Ontario Teachers' Federation and the local board.

Appeal Judge's Ruling Breathalyzer Illegal

An appeal was lodged Monday in Richmond Hill Provincial Court against Judge Maurice Charles' September 28 ruling that breathalyzer tests for drinking drivers are a violation of the Canada Bill of Rights.

The appeal was filed by Crown-Attorney John Applegath.

He said the appeal was ordered by the Attorney-General's department.

Within a month the appeal will be in the hands of an Ontario Supreme Court justice for decision.

Further appeals could go to the Ontario Court of Appeals and to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Judge Charles, who formerly served in the British Colonial Judiciary and on the Supreme Court of Guyana, ruled that for police to require a driver to take a breathalyzer test was an infringement of the Bill of Rights under the law as it now stands.

To make such tests legal, the law would have to specifically state that the tests were legal regardless of the Bill of Rights, according to Judge Charles.

Police are continuing to lay charges under the breathalyzer test law, and drivers still face conviction by other judges until this test case is finally decided by the high courts.

Bob Adams Organizing Citizens To Fight Annexation To Metro

"I am disappointed by Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazebny's recent statement about the proposed annexation of the southern portion of Markham Township with Metro Toronto," North York" he maintained.

The successful candidate on October 5 repeated his promise to fight any attempt to implement the plan, announced by Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough May 6, to permit Metro to extend its boundary north to the proposed Highway 407. "To this end I am working with Councillor-Elect Roy Muldrew of Ward 2 in setting up a citizens' committee in preparation for the expected battle. I would also be pleased to hear opinions on the subject from residents of Vaughan Township who will also be affected if this annexation takes place. I believe that it is only by a united stand and full co-operation of all interested groups that we can hope to win this most important fight", he concluded.

Mr. Adams pointed out that time and time again residents have stated to him that they had moved to the area to get out of Metro. "We must make the Ontario Government understand that we have an identity which will be completely lost if we are swallowed up by North York", he maintained.

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Robarts Announces Taxation Relief Farmers, Elderly

Financial assistance for pensioners, farmers, property taxpayers and municipalities was promised in a statement read by Ontario Premier John Robarts in the Legislature October 6. Part of the statement, in which he dealt with reassessment problems in York and Peel Counties is of particular interest to taxpayers in this area.



PREMIER ROBERTS
Special York-Peel Plan

Referring to reassessment of 1971, Mr. McKeough reported all property in Ontario, Mr. Robarts stated "We have learned a great deal from the experience in the Region of York and the County of Peel, where reassessment was completed before the government assumed responsibility for this program and where in some cases a greater burden of taxation was shifted to the residential taxpayer from the commercial and industrial segment of the community.

"The government does not agree that there should be any shifting of burden to residential property. In fact, we wish to lighten the burden carried by residential property. Our objective is to establish firmness in the integrity of evaluations placed on properties and ensure equity for individual taxpayers."

The Premier went on to say that because of the experience in York and Peel, the government is now in a position to plan genuine tax reform here by translating the reassessment into a more equitable system of taxation. He forecast that the special legislation for these two areas to which Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough referred in his appearance in Richmond Hill September 16) will be presented in

Danson Explains Changes In White Paper

Barney Danson MP, York North who was recently appointed parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Trudeau, served as a member of the Commons Finance Committee studying Finance Minister Edgar Benson's highly controversial White Paper on Tax Reform. He has received a record high 3,000 letters from York North residents on the subject.

Mr. Danson explains the changes the Commons Committee is suggesting in Mr. Benson's proposed legislation before it becomes law, in a feature story on Page 2 of this issue.

Mr. Benson's chief advisors in his finance department are all former Socialists. See editorial on Page 2.

Reassessment will continue in other parts of Ontario, the Premier stated. "But, and I emphasize this, reassessment will not be reflected in tax bills until we are satisfied that the new system to be developed in York and Peel is suitable for application across Ontario."

All recipients of the federal income supplement to the standard old age pension will receive a basic \$50 to apply to their taxes. Mr. Robarts promised — and they will receive it this year. This applies whether they live in their own home or in a single room. This means in a household (Continued on Page 3)

Heron Crane Shot In Markham

Charged by Markham Township Police with illegally shooting a heron crane at about 10 am October 12 on Concession 5 north of 17th Avenue is a Toronto man, Gaetano Treglia of Elmwood Avenue.

Police said the man told them he thought the bird was a duck.

The bird specimen is expected to end up in a museum.

Under the federal Migratory Bird Act there is a fine of up to \$500 for shooting such a bird, police said.

Bomb Threat At Buttonville Airport

An airplane bomb threat, a heron crane shooting and a disappearing stop light were among the items on the blotters last week at Southern York Region police departments.

Markham Township Police October 6 shortly after 2 pm, investigated a telephone message that said there was a bomb aboard one of the 34 aircraft then at the Toronto Airways Limited airport at Buttonville. No bomb was found.

Also last week a mailbox was ripped down and glass was smashed at two schools in Richmond Hill.

Damage to a skylight was estimated at \$120 at Beverley Acres School, 283 Neal Drive.

Two windows worth about \$34 were smashed at MacKillop School, 206 Lucas Street.

A jail sentence last week proved to be no way to keep a Markham Township driver off the road.

The police arrested the man on Woodbine Avenue (formerly Don Mills Road) at about 9 pm October 10 after receiving a citizen's complaint.

The man was charged with impaired driving and driving while his license was suspended. He had just been released from jail the day before after serving a sentence for the same two offences. He had used up all the \$55 given him when he was released, police said.

Two mowers and a barbecue were stolen during the afternoon of October 11 from the home of Philip Kayser, 43 Fairway Heights Drive, Thornhill, according to Markham Township Police.

Richmond Hill Police are investigating a break, enter and theft reported at the home of James Bridge, 236 Richmond Street.

Arrest Weston Youth \$400 Hashish Drug

DISCOVERY METHOD

Mr. Zoskey was present at the meeting, and explained that in the elementary schools, the process of discovery was the important thing in the science course.

Before learning the metric system, the children were invited to devise their own units of measure, linear measure, weights and volume. Sticks and cans and charts were displayed — all created by students for measuring.

With a basic knowledge of inches, feet, and yards, one class devised a system of "nugal, sugal, lugal, nugal" measurement. Another used "sickle, dickle, mickle", another "fling, flang, flung" and a fourth class called its invention the "twiggle system".

Through experimentation the children usually found these systems unwieldy and impractical and were guided into use of the metric system, universally recognized as a unit of measurement in fields of science.

MAKE MICROSCOPES

Starting with a simple lens, the children learned how to make their own microscopic units, and a peg game helped them to understand graphing.

He passed out samples of equipment to the trustees for them to examine.

The children were encouraged to examine.

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Swing Into Fall Richmond Heights

Shop in comfort right at home, without having to travel miles on congested highways, in the friendly atmosphere of Richmond Heights Centre.

This weekend the centre's stores are featuring bargains for the fall shopper. For the wise person who starts now to shop for Christmas the merchants are offering a convenient lay-away plan.

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New Cadet Corps Wins Seamanship Award

Sea Cadets of RCSCC Patriot, Richmond Hill, pictured above, proudly display the Commodore R. Hendy Trophy won in the shear legs rigging competition at the Toronto Area Regatta at HMS York Naval Training Centre on September 26.

In front, flanking the trophy, are Darryl Condy and Douglas Prier. Behind are Cadets Douglas Law, Mike Palmer, Robert Boggs, Jon Evans and Don Kerr. Absent is William Neil, David Ellison, 165 Maple Avenue, is corps commander.

Although the local corps is just beginning its second year they are an enthusiastic group, winning the seamanship award over six more experienced corps. Commander Ellison says they are now recruiting for the new training year, and the 30 boys now with the corps have travelled over 60,000 miles in the past year, getting first hand experience of the sea on both east and west coasts. The corps meets each Monday evening in St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Social Planners Press For United Fund In York County - Appoint Special Committee

A united fund for York County heads the list of priorities for consideration by Richmond Hill and District Social Planning Council in the coming year.

At a meeting of the council's board of directors on September 17 it was agreed that means must be found to consolidate fund drives for the many agencies and services that are dependent on public support.

A community fund topped the list of priorities presented to the meeting by David Porter and Mrs. Winona MacDonald, co-chairmen of the committee on research and priorities.

There is urgent need, too, said Mr. Porter, for a day care centre for school age children. The Richmond Hill Day Care Centre looks after some kindergarten children, but he pointed out, there are many more young children who need supervision before and after school hours and during the lunch hour. The Day Nurseries Branch of the Ontario Department of Social and Family Services provides 80 per cent of the cost of operating this type of project.

Help-Mate Services should also be continued, said Mr. Porter. It should be put on a solid footing with its own board of directors.

He told the council executive that women volunteers had again taken over the manning of the telephone at St. John's Baptist Church in Richmond Hill, and that the student hired for the summer months had been "tremendous". A 50-page booklet is being prepared listing help groups in the

community and describing the services they provide.

Help-Mate had found clothing and furnishings for needy families, homes for homeless young people, and provided many personal services. "Not one cry went unanswered".

Calls for help had been received from York Central Hospital, the Juvenile and Family Court and other agencies. Offers of help had also been received from local firemen, a dentist and other sources not anticipated.

The Ministerial Association, said Mr. Porter, was also giving help and had arranged a meeting to discuss the future of Help-Mate.

Also on the list was a parent education program. Par-

enthood, said Mr. Porter, is getting more complicated all the time. Such a program could be organized by community agencies and used voluntarily, or be initiated for parents on the order of a juvenile and family court judge or magistrate.

There could be workshops where lawyers, doctors, financial people could counsel parents on family law, budgeting, credit buying, marriage and the family unit. A team of experts, Mr. Porter suggested, could lead an ongoing program for "Parents and the Community."

"The kid in trouble no longer comes from the wrong side of the track," Mr. Porter declared. "Many come from a better socio-economic bracket."

The committee recommended establishing of a

place of safe-keeping" for people who needed some sort of assistance and supervision after leaving a hospital or in a crisis. Many people, Mr. Porter explained, are not sick enough physically or mentally to be hospitalized, they are not criminals, but they are not able to make it on their own. He suggested a meeting between hospital people, police and social workers to discuss such a project.

Other community needs on the list of priorities included a residence for young people, rooming houses for young people, a clothing depot where people with low income could get good used clothing cheap.

Dr. William Shaw, chief psychiatrist at York Central Hospital, spoke briefly about the Richmond Hill Mental Health Service which will be moved into the hospital when the new addition is built. The clinic is temporarily located at the former W. J. Taylor residence, Yonge Street North.

Youth Committee Chairman John Rance and Carl Nixon spoke about the Youth Aid Centre and the Drop-in Centre respectively.

The YAC has been forced to vacate the house it occupied during the summer as it is due for demolition, said Mr. Rance, and must find a new home if it is to continue.

The committee, he said is doing research on youth as a whole in Richmond Hill and it needs a home it can refer young people to in times of stress.

The Drop-in Centre, too,

much the fact that we must get together in a federated appeal. I am willing to share my office, my telephone and work my fingers to the bone."

Social Planning Council President Ian MacLean, former chairman of the council's United Appeal Committee, reported on past efforts to organize a united fund and described meetings with Metro United Appeal officials.

After lengthy discussion a new United Appeal Committee was set up with Neil Mann as chairman. Members of the committee are Mrs. O'Callaghan, Stan Elson, Trevor Pierce, Dave Porter, Rev. Fred Jackson of St. Mary's Anglican Church, and Richmond Hill Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge.

The people at the Youth Aid Centre are "watering the soup" Mr. Porter interjected, adding that contributions of food and money would be very welcome.

York County Mental Health Association's Executive Secretary Faye O'Callaghan urged that a united fund be set up, pointing out that the onus seems always to fall on the same people when the many organizations and agencies in the county are looking for money.

"They are sick and tired of canvassing householders who are sick and tired of appeals," declared Mrs. O'Callaghan. "We must form a united fund. My captains tell me their workers would all be happy to go out once, and I cannot emphasize too

The committee is convinced that there is a definite need for a drop-in program, he assured the meeting.