BY MARGARET GOVAN Thornhill Correspondent

"A History of Vaughan Township" by the late Dr. Elmore Reaman is now being distributed to advance buyers. It is also on sale at the Vaughan Township offices, the Thornhill Public Library (Monday nights

only) and elsewhere. Dr. Reaman died before the manuscript was in the hands of the publishers and it was then that the Vaughan Township Historical Society was founded to get the book printed and into circulation. It is due to this society, and the executive in particular that the book is now in print: James McDonald, Ernest Redelmeier, William Hallawell, Fred Constable, Harold Hayhoe, Charles Miller, Mrs. Pierre Berton, Jesse Bryson, and George C. H. Snider, the

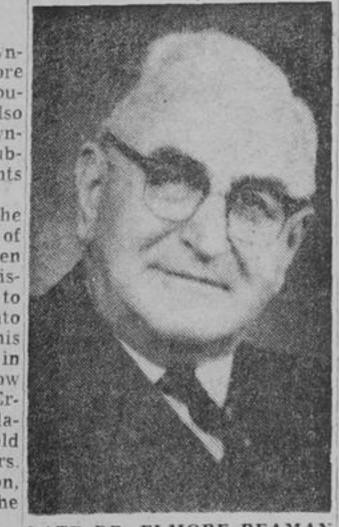
And what a book! Its subject is two centuries of life in the township and it deals with those generations. two centuries from every angle: tion. It lists the early set- sketch of the life of Dr. Reaman tlers and follows their family and a history of the writing and villages, some of which are no article to bring the book up to ceedingly well illustrated with ten by Township Administrator same swimming area. photographs, pictures and sket- James MacDonald. There is a ches, the latter two being done by Thoreau MacDonald.

PIONEER LIFE The descriptions of pioneer complete account of a piece of rural Ontario history.

Of course this will mean much more to many of the old families in the township. They will find their ancestors, details of the lives of those ancestors, their land and their work . . . all of which is incorporated into the book. It will provide great pleasure and interest today and four

R. Hill Artist Wins

a very happy young lady these make it.



LATE DR. ELMORE REAMAN Well Known Scholar, Author

OTHER CONTRIBUTERS The book also contains a

ier Simpson on the 19th Cen-"in his enthusiasm to help failtury buildings in Vaughan ed to take basic precautions." The book concludes with an Metro Conservation Authority

life, events in the township, and invaluable index. In total it is "lay down basic procedures in and the reader will find that he emergency occurs in the bathing Christmas - December 25, has been given a book with a areas great plus value. Everybody Constable Strong said his day holiday period for the who reads and uses the book original intentions had been New Year will be January owes a debt of gratitude to the only to borrow Robertson's late Dr. Reaman and the His- equipment. But he had been

> A History Of Vaughan Reaman. Printed by the University of Toronto Press.

Tribute must also be paid to On arriving at the scene, residents of Vaughan Robertson got into his regalia will be an heirloom for future Township, Mrs. Jesse Bryson, before the policeman and de-Mrs. Amos Baker, Mrs. Roy cided to jump in without wait-Barker and George Snider, wholing for his partner.

in the search.

sucked through a sluice gate in

the dam. The sluice had been

opened to lower the water to

old Lenardo L'Erario of To-

ronto. L'Erario had drowned

Robertson died of drowning and

It also recommended that the

(Robertson) was experienced in

diving and could be of assist-

being more helpful than one,"

READY FIRST

edited Dr. Ramer's manuscript | Conservation Area Assistant for publication. They spent Supervisor Herbert McIntosn Trip To Disney Land countless hours checking and said he opened the sluice gate to re-checking facts, so that the let some of the water out after Young Kim Thoms of 439 finished product is as accurate the pool area had been cleared. Alper Street, Beverley Acres, is as it is humanly possible to "Mr. Robertson arrived on the

days. She and her parents are Richmond Hill's Chief Librar- in. I warned him to be careful preparing for a trip to the Walt ian Mrs. Patricia Hart told because the sluice gate was Disney World in Orlando, "The Liberal" that this history open. He just nodded his head Florida. Kim won the trip as will be of interest to anyone as if he heard me and it was all first prize in the 1971 Art Derby interested in Richmond Hill as right. And then he jumped in. for Kids sponsored by the har- well as Vaughan Township. Witness McIntosh said the ness racing division of the Joc- "I have checked it and it con- victim then swam away from the tains all the information in the dam toward the centre of the

Kim is a grade 6 student at Tweedsmuir History, prepared swimming area. Beverley Acres Public School. by the Women's Institute a "I couldn't see him but A former resident of Beverley couple of decades ago and could follow his air bubbles. Acres, Jackie Cameron, daugh- which we have in safe-keep- Then the bubbles turned and ter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Came-ing. It's really a very valuable came back toward the dam. ron now of Amherst, Nova book and is available at the Then I lost sight of them. It Scotia, received honorable men- Richmond Hill Public Library," was shortly after this that tion in the same contest.

Failed To Take Precautions Drowned While Helping Police

A police skin diver's decision was a body on the other side of lower end of his body indicato pick up an extra set of air the dam." tion he had been sucked through tanks led indirectly to the Constable Strong said he the pipe feet first. drowning death of 23-year-old would not have entered the There was no concrete evid-Michael Robertson of 139 Mill water himself until the sluice ence there were any major Street, Richmond Hill, at the gate had been closed, faults in his skin diving equip-

Bruce's Mill Conservation Area "I wouldn't have gone in at ment the dam area anyway," he said, William Mulhooland of the Mein Markham August 15. Richmond Hill Constable because the body of the other tro Conservation Authority said Douglas Strong told a coroner's victim would have likely been the sluice pipe was rarely opened jury Tuesday night of last week farther away from the dam and then mainly in the fall to that he was on his way to a con- area.' empty the swimming area or to servation area drowning incident. He also said he had been in clean the pool. with his diving equipment when the area when the victim was He said he knew little about

he decided to stop at the resi- warned the sluice gates were the operation of the sluice pipe. dence of Robertson. 'I had air tanks good enough "This was when I went back York Central Pathologist Dr. for about 55 minutes," he said, to the patrol car to get dressed." Donald Guthrie and York Re-"but I stopped to borrow an ad- He said he had no idea Robert- gion Police Constable William ded set in case I would need son would enter the water be- Sheridan.

He said he had a slight ac-NARROW SLUICE quaintance with Robertson and Further evidence indicated Ryan, of RR 4, Stouffville; Larry knew he was a skin diver. Robertson wouldn't loan his diameter and 39 feet long. equipment. Instead he had de- An autopsy showed the vic- Gormley; and Howard Shadlock,

the sluice pipe was 36 inches in Saunderson, RR 2, Gormley, cided to come along and help tim had severe bruises on the RR 1. Unionville,

SUCK THROUGH SLUICE Post Office He drowned when he was

Coroner was Dr. Bernard

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December 18, The local post office will

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11. but there will be on

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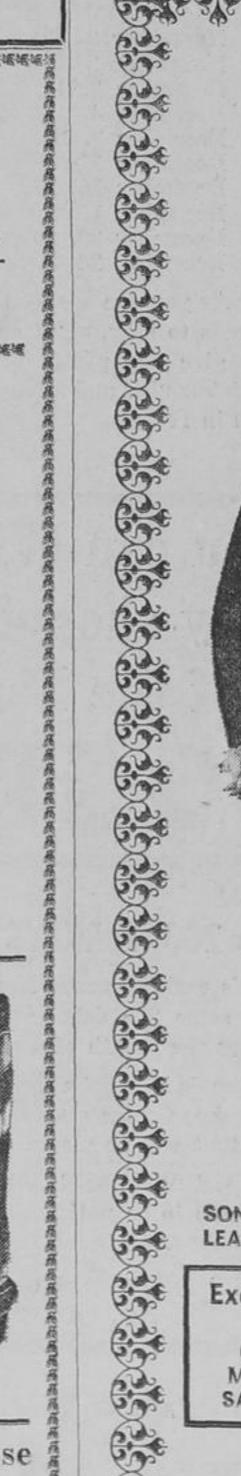
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