



(Photo by Ron Fawn)

The Richmond Hill Senior Citizens' Club celebrated its 16th Anniversary at a meeting in Richmond Hill United Church Auditorium March 13. Among those present were two charter members, Mrs. Helen Pollard, 83, and James Skilleter, 89.

The hall was specially decorated for the occasion, and there was a large anniversary cake. Mrs. Bea Cook, who celebrated her 80th

birthday on March 9 and who has been in charge of the special events committee for a number of years, including banquets and refreshments for the monthly meetings, was asked to join Mr. Skilleter in cutting the cake. She was also presented with a corsage by club President Jo Horne in appreciation of her services to the club. Pictured above are Mrs. Cook and Mr. Skilleter.

16th Birthday For Senior Citizens' Club

Members of Richmond Hill Senior Citizens' Club were guests March 12 of Court Simcoe I.O.F., Richmond Hill, at the Lions Hall, Centre Street East. The occasion was the celebration of Court Simcoe's sixth anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the service to mankind of the I.O.F. O souvenir of this Centenary — a leather billfold — was presented to each guest.

An evening of entertainment was provided by the ladies auxiliary of Branch 375 Canadian Legion who presented their Dixie Cabaret Revue. This was followed by several lucky draws, and to top off a wonderful evening, a delicious buffet lunch was served. The seniors were most appreciative of the thoughtfulness and hospitality of their hosts and entertainers.

The senior citizens had their regular monthly meeting on March 13 in the auditorium of Richmond Hill United with President Jo Horne in the chair and Mrs. Elsie Astin as pianist.

Seven new members and a visitor were welcomed. Birthday greetings were sung for five members.

CUT THE CAKE
It was the 16th anniversary of the club's formations, and two charter members were present — James Skilleter and Mrs. Helen Pollard. There was also a beautiful anniversary cake which was

cut by Mr. Skilleter and Mrs. Bea Cook, who has been special events committee convener for a number of years. Members were asked to appoint delegates to the three-day annual convention in Hamilton on August 22, 23 and 24. George Taylor and Mrs. Mary Reid were nominated.

It was suggested that a bus load of members might like to attend the convention for a one-day visit on August 23 to get an idea of the work being carried on.

Senior Citizens' Week will be celebrated June 16 to 22. Details of this event will be published as soon as definite arrangements have been made.

Those wishing to attend the London Palladium Show at the O'Keefe Centre April 24 were asked to contact four

Convenors Gil Clubine at 884-1269 or Bert Patten at 884-1388 at once to avoid disappointment. Tickets are \$4, which includes the show and transportation due now, as the money has to be sent

away to obtain the tickets. Mrs. Elsie Burnie tendered her resignation as membership committee convener and Mrs. Bertha Kidd agreed to carry on for the remainder of the year.

ANNUAL SALE
Members were reminded of the annual rummage and white elephant sale at 10:30 am March 30. Articles for sale will be received at the club room, 71 Centre Street East, on March 28 and 29 afternoons and evenings. For information regarding pickups call Mrs. Waterhouse at 884-9683.

There will be six days this year when senior citizens will be admitted free to the CNE — August 15, 20, 23, 27, 29 and September 2.

It was also announced that the club's annual picnic will be either July 4 or July 9. Details will follow at later meetings.

DISPLAY OF DANCING
The first part of the entertainment for the afternoon was introduced by Mrs. Freeman Barker and consisted of a show of tap dancing by 12

pupils of the Dennis Moore School of Dancing under direction of Miss Brandie Rose.

The dancers were Helen McNamie who did a tap solo to "Mountain Greenery"; tap class Marisa Flood, Debbie Greenfield, Wanda Gibson, Snerry Brown, Gabriel Under, Kathy Morin, Karen Evans and Letizia Romano who danced to "Button Up Your Overcoat"; tap solo by Tony Curtis to "Bidin' My Time"; a tap duet to "Crazy Rhythm" by Christine Curtis and Helen McNamie and a tap solo to "Button Up Your Overcoat" by Debbie Greenfield. The dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by the seniors.

Archie Cameron then gave an interesting talk on his trip to Africa and on safari, followed by slides illustrating his talk and showing the wild animals in their natural habitat as well as beautiful views of the vast country and of cities.

The afternoon closed with refreshments and birthday cake served by Mrs. Bea Cook and her helpers.

School Strike Will Mean Big Savings For Taxpayers — Ford

George Ford, business administrator for York County Board of Education, said that taxpayers would save about \$1.24 million in teachers' salaries, because of the recent teachers' strike.

Last week the teachers voted to return to work by March 25, following the mid-winter break, after the government's proposed Bill 12, had ordered them back to their classrooms.

Mr. Ford said the savings would mean a reduced education levy for York property owners, but lower grants from the government to the York board.

He said the teachers' pay was based on the number of school days worked, including absence through approved leaves. As a result they wouldn't be paid for the week of the spring break.

Vince Mathewson, chief

negotiator for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation said the federation never contemplated paying strike pay for the week of the school break.

Although no figures have been released, the OSSTF is estimated to have paid out about \$850,000 in strike pay.

As a result of the unpaid salaries, 1973 grant regulations require lower expenditure ceilings and proportionately lower provincial grants, Douglas Spry, director of the Education Ministry's school, business and finance branch, said.

He said 1974 grant regulations would likely be the same as last year's.

He said the reason for the reduction of spending limits and provincial subsidies was so as to not make it any tougher or easier to reach a settlement.

Board Says Will Rehire Teachers

York County Board of Education will "willingly" hire all secondary school teachers, who were on staff January 31, and there will be "no discrimination of any kind" against any of the teachers who walked off their jobs at that time, the board said last week at a special meeting, following settlement of the six-week strike.

Both sides will go to compulsory arbitration now before a three-man board one member to be appointed by each side, with the third member to be jointly decided upon. However, if neither the teachers or the trustees can agree on a third party, the latter will be appointed by the government.

The proposal covering the return to school of the teachers was made by Trustee Ross Jolliffe and was approved by a 16-3 vote of the board, with only Trustee Donald Sim of Markham, Robert Houghton, Richmond Hill, and Norm Weller, Aurora, voting against it.

The motion said that the board "reluctantly" accepted Bill 12, the government's bill ending the strike, as the only method left, and it was this that caused Mr. Sim to dissent.

He said he wasn't in disagreement with Mr. Jolliffe's motion, but considered it unnecessary as the Bill would be passed and the board

wouldn't have any choice but to accept it.

In supporting the motion, Trustee John MacKay of Markham said the main concern should be students and their education, and in getting the schools open as soon as possible.

Trustee Craig Cribar of Newmarket said he hoped it would be possible to communicate with the teachers again and take action which would protect the integrity of all those concerned.

Trustee Warren Baile of Richmond Hill said he didn't think "marching the teachers back into the schools" was the best way to settle the dispute; the best way would have been a negotiated settlement.

Mr. Weller felt there was still time for the latter before arbitration was set up.

Schomberg Trustee, John Raniowski, said that the damage done to the educational system could take years to overcome, and was why arbitration was necessary.

Both teachers and students had been injured by the strike and the results would be felt even more when classes resumed.

Trustee Morley Kinnee of Vaughan said he felt there would be better co-operation with the teachers than many members of the board felt at that moment. "I have faith that the teachers are just as interested in the boys and girls as we are," he said.

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All children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 1974, may be registered for kindergarten at the schools listed below. For information you may contact the principal:

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APRIL 2, 1974 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon AND 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. St. Anthony's School, 141 Kirk Drive, Thornhill St. Luke's School, 160 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill	Mr. J. M. Cronin Principal Mr. L. J. Tadman Principal	889-7420 889-3882
APRIL 2 and APRIL 9, 1974 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Lady Help of Christians School, 10568 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill St. Joseph's School, Roney Avenue, Richmond Hill St. Mary Immaculate School, Traybourn Drive, Richmond Hill	Mr. N. C. Van Bakel Principal Mr. J. Beck Principal Mr. J. L. Kehoe Principal	884-4023 884-5077 884-5381
APRIL 9, 1974 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Holy Name School, Spring Hill Road, King	Mr. P. Brand Principal	833-5193

Children whose birthday falls between January 1 and March 21, 1975, may be registered at this time and their names placed on a list by the principal. They may be allowed to attend kindergarten if there is room, according to Board Policy.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

- Proof of age is required.
- Immunization and health hazard records should also be submitted at time of registration.
- Pupils eligible for Grade 1, who have not been to Kindergarten, should also register at this time. (must have attained the age of 6 by December 31, 1974).
- Please telephone before the due registration date if you are unable to be at the school at that time.

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Hi Ho Come To Science Fair

Approximately 90 entries are expected for the Area 4 Science Fair for York County Secondary Schools, which will be held at Markham District High School, March 28.

Area 4 includes schools from Richmond Hill and Markham areas.

The show is open to the public from 4 pm to 5 pm, and 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

AURORA: Town council has rejected a proposal for a small shopping plaza and townhouse development on Yonge Street North on an 11-acre site. The town's policy is not to permit development on "the fringe areas" until "in-filling" is completed in the built-up portion of town.

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