

## RC School Board Gets Good News Estimate '74 Grant Up \$694,000

Accountant Peter Smith was the bearer of good news to the York County Roman Catholic School Board April 16 when he reported that the Ministry of Education had increased the basic ceiling on expenditure per pupil for 1974. Mr. Smith told the trustees that the ceiling announced last August of \$691.20 has been increased to \$719.29 for grant purposes.

Besides this a revision has been made to the French language assistance program, which last year brought the board \$31 for each pupil taking French for a minimum of 20 minutes a day. This year that amount has been increased to \$44. This is in addition to the increased ceiling, he assured trustees in response to a question.

Mr. Smith also pointed out that government grant rates vary from year to year and that the board's assessment is up 18% from last year. This assessment index (amount of assessment per pupil) increase will reduce the grant fractionally, he said. He also noted that average government grant for the board of average wealth is down 1.5% this year to 62%. He said that the board gained somewhat by having more assessment per pupil and estimated that the government grant would bring the board \$964,000 more this year than last year.

In addition the board will qualify for special assistance on unapproved portions of debentures issued prior to 1970, estimated to bring another \$47,000 into the coffers. "This

appears to be another attempt by the ministry to assist boards by recognizing the fact that the former grant approvals did not always come as close as desirable to actual costs," said Mr. Smith.

Another small item on the credit side of the ledger is a new ruling which will enable the board to charge capital expenditures and furnishings to extra-ordinary expenses whether for new or replacements. Up to now replacements have come under the ceiling.

Another credit is that all Children's Aid Society wards will be considered non-residents and will be charged fees to be paid by the Ministry. "There were 110 of these last year and we may have a few more this year since some were treated as residents."

Mr. Smith told the board, "It is too early to talk about the direct effect of this on the mill rate, but we are in a much more comfortable position than we were a short time ago. I feel very happy about it."

"We have been knocking the Ministry for the lack of money for education," stated Superintendent John Zupancic. "This indicates that the Ministry has recognized the need for more money and I hope they continue to do so."

Trustee Eugene Jacobs called a budget meeting for April 23 when it is hoped to be able to come close to establishing the final figures for 1974.



DON ANDERSON

### Don Anderson Goes To Elliott Lake

Donald Anderson, who served as area office supervisor in the Ontario Hydro Woodbridge Area Office for three years, then in the same position in Richmond Hill for two years and in the same position in the Newmarket Area Office for five years, has been promoted to the position of supervisor in the Elliott Lake Sub-office in the Algoma Area of Northeastern Region. Mr. Anderson began his new duties April 8 and will be joined by his wife and two daughters, now living in Etobicoke, as soon as possible. A native of Leroy, Saskatchewan, Don Anderson joined Ontario Hydro in 1947 at the Agassabon generating station project near Schreiber. This was followed by stints at Mattawa, at the Sir Adam Beck No. 2 Generating Station project at Niagara Falls, and at Warren

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## Stoops To Conquer - And Does

BY JIM IRVING

"She Stoops To Conquer" — and conquis she does. In fact, not only she, but the whole cast (and crew) of the Oliver Goldsmith classic, which was presented at Richmond Hill High School last week, its 17th annual dramatic production.

"She Stoops To Conquer" is a tale that might just as easily have been called "All's Well That Ends Well," or "Comedy of Errors" or "Eros", if it had been written by another gentleman, because it contained much the same sort of bits of mistaken identity and farcical byplay that depend on people coming out of the right doors at the right time into the wrong situations and then extricating themselves by the nearest devious means.

It's not that easy to do, especially in a play of this length because it requires the riveted attention of those down in front, and while sitting on the uncompromising chairs of the high school auditorium, one realizes soon enough just where one's seat of appreciation really is.

So the RHHS players can be commended for sustaining the interest of their audience — with only the occasional lapse — from the 8:30 prologue by Miss Harcastle, (Maxine Watters) to the 11:40 epilogue by Tony Lumpkin (Richard Baker).

However, it's doubtful if anyone would have objected to a little judicious pruning; either that, or some cushions on the chairs.

But it is always easier to find fault than to praise, and that fault now behind — so to speak — the review could be said to become that much more difficult.

The players are given a plot in which confusion dominates, and they have a whale of a time seeing that things stay on a nice hysterical pitch until the lovers can sate themselves out, and those not aware of all the various subterfuges from the outset, can finally deal themselves in.

The play requires enormous energy, dialectical skill and the ability to let go without flying apart at the seams. Maybe the recent teachers' strike gave the players extra time to prepare, because they hit the mark on all three, bringing again a mature skill to their work that is all the more surprising because of the youthfulness of the group.

Everyone did well, but several individuals predominated. Chief among these were Richard Baker, (Lumpkin) — physically tremendous — with face and figure out of an old Hogarth print; Scott Veitch, (Squire Harcastle), whose makeup, stiff-legged gait — he walked as if he had a hockey stick up his

part leg — raspy tones and bemused air, were just what one would expect from a man of his years, position and lengthy exposure to a shrewish wife, and were pleasures to behold; and David Phillips, (Young Marlow) singularly outstanding in his all-encompassing role of fop, libertine, snob and repentant lover.

His was a bravura performance in an evening of first-rate performances, as professional as one would hope to see anywhere.

As the object of his affections, Maxine Watters, (Miss Harcastle) brought an even, if unexciting approach to her role.

But the role called for little more than a straight recital of facts — with an occasional wide-eyed aside to the audience — and in this the lovely young lady was more than adequate.

Something of a show stealer in her own right was Martha Buell, (Miss Neville) who seemed to step right out of the pages of one of the Bronte Sisters' classics, and whose enchanting face and washish figure readily conveyed her every mood and whim.

Special mention should be made, too, to Dementia Caruso, (Hastings) a grade eight student who was recruited especially for the play, and who handled his role of sidekick to Marlow with the utmost aplomb.

And a huzzah for Peter Student Manpower Will Open May 6

A Canada Manpower Centre for students in Richmond Hill will be opening May 6 at 10,148 Yonge Street (formerly 32 Yonge Street East South). Employers interested in hiring students for the summer may telephone Betty Bierma at 221-9343 before May 6 and 884-9230 after May 6. The number for students to use is 884-9239.

This summer office will be staffed by students and co-ordinated by the North York Canada Manpower Centre, 5799 Yonge Street, Willowdale. A wide variety of job listings is anticipated and a large number of secondary and post secondary students seeking work are already registered.

Kite, (Diggory) who, as the old servant, obviously knows the difference between caricature and camp.

Heather Mann (Mrs. Harcastle) was completely shrewish throughout and wonderfully hilarious in the hedge scene when Tony put her through an ordeal that was something akin to Tam O'Shanter's famous ride, and she reacted in just as frantic a manner.

Others in the cast, all who acquitted themselves well, were, Philip Tarrant, Enrico Sabatini, Edward Marchione, Brian Queen, Bradley Shannon, Laurie Hutchinson, Scott MacDonald, Jeffrey Queen, Brian Alexson, Ina Schneider, Steven Wilson and Bryan Brooker.

The crew were mentioned at the outset, and so they should have been, for they did a deft and expert job of putting things in order between scenes, both behind the curtains and in front.

It was good to see the drama club make use of the thrust stage — even if just in part — and its crew attend to it with such professional vigor.

Score one, too, for Virginia Harris, whose fine set quite captured the period; although one did wish for something just a slight more aesthetic looking at eye level than the paint-by-numbers dog picture at centre stage.

Three stars, also, for director Roy Clifton, who managed to sift through this huge undertaking and somehow find the shape of it all.

Although one hopes that next time he cuts even just a bit more.

On the uncharitable chairs of the Richmond Hill High School, brevity indeed is the soul of wit.

RINGWOOD: When improvements were completed at the Hwy. 48 — Regional Road intersection here several years ago, a storm sewer was installed in an open ditch to the west, to handle surface water to prevent flooding. However the manhole, fitted with a steel grating, is too small, residents claim, and during the spring runoff or a heavy rain, water backs up and is eroding properties. So far the residents have been unable to correct the situation.

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**Existing Conditions**  
Highway 11 through this area is presently a 4 lane undivided road with a total pavement width of approximately 40 feet. Sidewalks exist at some locations. Within the project limits there are no separate turning lanes or parking lanes; and illumination exists mainly at intersections.

**General Information**  
Present traffic volumes on Yonge Street have now reached the capacity of the existing roadway. The record of accidents here is considerably higher than the Provincial average. The road condition has deteriorated to the point where reconstruction is necessary.

**Proposals**  
The Ministry proposes to reconstruct this section of Highway 11 to meet current design standards which will provide:

1. Right and left turns;
2. Parking lanes on both sides;
3. An improved hwy. drainage system;
4. Illumination throughout the project.

Also, in conjunction with the local Municipalities, sidewalk construction is proposed throughout the length of the project.

The Ministry has arranged for information centres at convenient locations within the area where interested residents are invited to view and discuss the proposed highway improvement details on display. Ministry representatives will be available to answer questions at the centres according to the following schedule:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday, April 25, 1974	Town of Richmond Hill Council Chambers	3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Monday, April 29, 1974	Holy Trinity Church Auditorium Brooke Street, Thornhill	3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

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