

## Don Head Meant — Right Direction

Teachers may have their differences with school boards, and students may have their differences with teachers, but at Don Head Secondary School in Richmond Hill, Valetictorian Paul Donahoe found that the system was the difference between success and failure.

Here is the full text of Mr. Donahoe's address:

Tonight, we the graduates of Don Head, pass another milestone in our lives, some of us having completed our courses of study will enter into the regular working force of Canadian society, while the remainder of us in the graduating class, intend to further our education in community colleges and apprenticeship programs, etc.

While I could amplify to some extent on our future prospects, I believe tonight is a time that my fellow classmates and I would like to look back over the past three years and recollect on what Don Head has meant to us.

Most of us came from primary school, having been somewhat disillusioned with the pure academics and the production line approach of the school system we were in. Although individual teachers had tried to help us to get on line, to say the least, most of us were very frustrated as we first entered Don Head. Of course, the fact that all of us boys had to take cooking as a pre-requisite course, did not help us lose this frustration. But as we progressed, we noticed a difference in our new teachers. All seemed to pay more attention to us as individuals, and when we started taking home chocolate eclairs which were much better than we could buy at the store, our frustration soon

changed to a sense of achievement. This probably more than anything else, was our first indication that we could successfully achieve what we started out to do.

We then noticed that our academic studies were far more practical than what we had taken before. Our mathematics taught us how to buy a car and figure out our interest and principle payments on a loan we might have to take to buy a car. We also learned how to make out our own Income Tax; in other words, everything we were being taught in our academic studies, whether it be English, science, mathematics, etc., was geared to what we will encounter in the working world. But here again, our teachers, brought us along, not as a class, but as an individual. We started to have an identity.

**FUTURE IN SIGHT**  
Most of the adults in our audience tonight, have a flower garden and you probably recall the frustration you went through when planting your first flowers and trees, only to have them die. We, at Don Head, have learned to prepare a good garden, some of us may even make this our life's work. We learned to wire a house, repair furniture, construct buildings, dry-clean our own clothes, make our own clothes and even operate a store. Our courses were such that if we specialized, we could make any of them our future endeavor.

Now, after learning what I have previously mentioned, a sense of pride in our accomplishments started to set in when our families and friends started to ask us to repair their toasters, irons and other electrical appliances, or have their clothes

cleaned, or buy some of our flowers and baked goods.

As we approached the car driving age, a lot of us decided to take the Driver Education program which, in this school, is tops. And this we realized even more, when we applied for car insurance, only to find we were paying considerably less than our friends.

I believe a real sense of accomplishment set in when our friends asked us to fix their car bodies, engines, brakes, etc., or when we were being asked to wire their cottages. In other words, we were being respected for what we knew. In grade school, they were doing what we found difficult, now we were doing what they didn't know how to do.

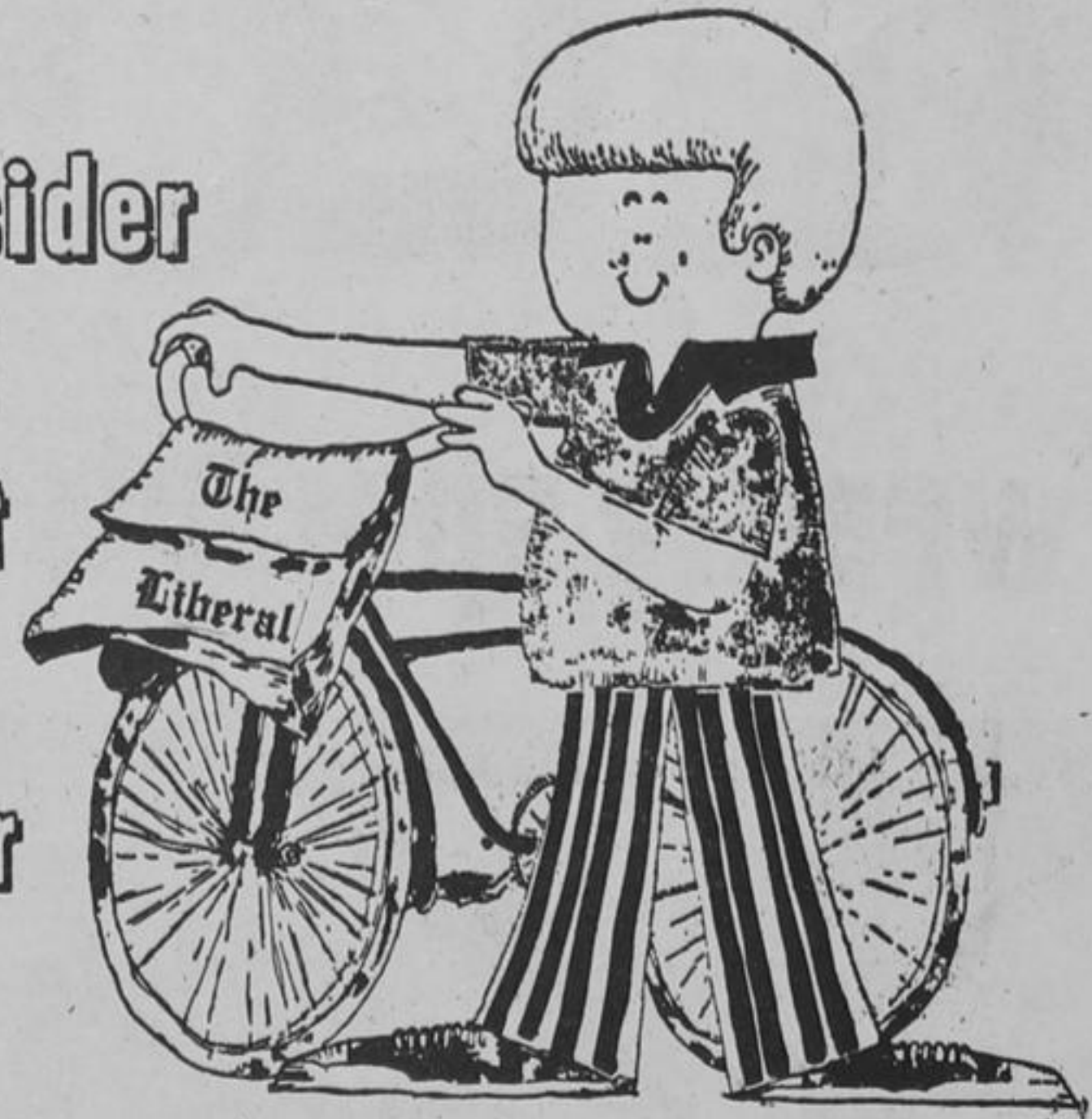
Of course, our three years at Don Head were not all work—we had lots of fun through our sports program, and our preparation for our Annual Open House, as well as various field trips to educational and interesting places.

Five years ago, we, as a group, could have ended up as high school drop-outs, but thanks to the Ontario Department of Education, our local school board and our teachers, I feel that we, as a group, are probably better prepared to go out into the working world now, than any other group of students our own age.

To the principal and staff of Don Head, I, on behalf of the graduating class of 1974, want to say "Thanks" for picking us up and turning us in the right direction; without your individual attention, we could have been failures.

We shall never forget you, Don Head!

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Ward) is flanked (left to right) by the Straw Man from the Wizard Of Oz (Jimmy Stever), a loyal Scot from the Battle of Culloden (Alan Gamblin), Little Red Riding Hood (Cheryl Martin), a Roman gladiator (Bill Sproull), and Napoleon (Gregory Hamlen).

### Finally 4 And A Half Years Later Federal Tax \$43,221

(Continued from Page 1) a student must achieve 80 percent average on six courses. Successful students receive a cash award of \$100 and a certificate from the Ontario government.

In 1974 there were 135 Ontario Scholars in York County; in 1972 there were 114; in 1971 there were 90 and the year before 63.

Calvin Harley of Thornlea Secondary School, with 96.1 percent, received the highest total in the past five years.

Doug Macleod of Thornhill Secondary School, got the 1973 high of 94.7, while David Hinton, also of Thornhill Secondary, led the field in 1972 with 95.5.

A total of 1,505 summer school students have registered in York Region this year, compared with 1,450 last year.

Besides reinforcing credit courses from grades 9 to 12, the board offers the following new courses: machine shop, year 3, Huron Heights; advanced mathematics, year 2, 3 and 4, Thornlea; advanced chemistry, year 4; biology and calculus, year 5.

There are also classes in driver education an enrichment course in music and two of English, mathematics

and reading for grade 8 students.

The board also approved new bus rates, representing a cost increase of 15 percent, or \$1,953,000.

Rates vary from \$41.25 to \$45.75 per day for 66-passenger buses, and from \$14 to \$16 per day for kindergarten buses.

Bus companies serving the board are: Travelways School Transit Limited, Robert Walker Holdings Limited, Denis Casey Transportation Company and Langdon's Coach Lines Company.

Agreed to a \$3,000 feasibility study on the construction of a municipal recreation complex on the site of Stouffville Secondary School, to be shared with the Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville.

The project is to include an olympic-sized pool, plus saunas, rink and library.

Approved the tender of Engineered Structures and Components in the amount of \$122,250 for the supply and installation of 10 portable classrooms.

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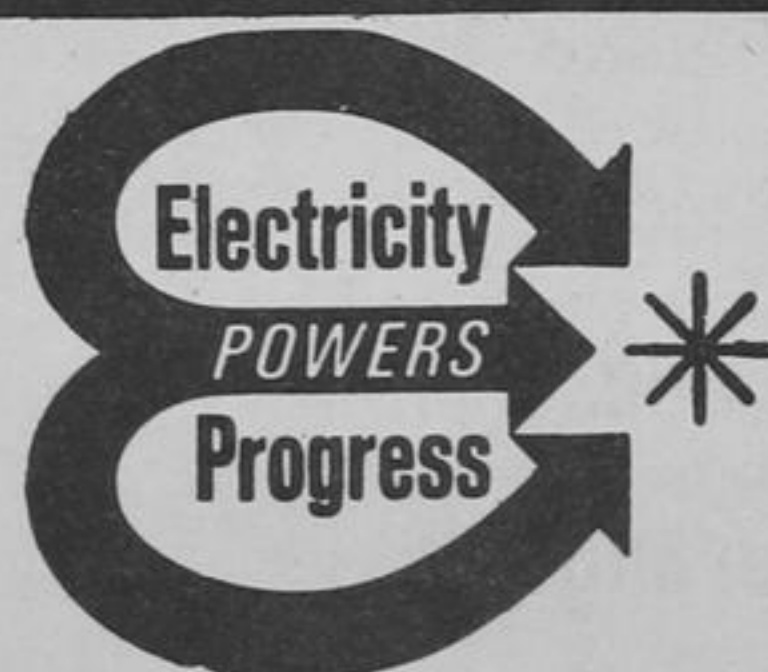
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DATED at Toronto this 4th day of July, 1974.

FERGUS PATRICK WALSH, Executor, by his solicitors, WALSH AND WALSH, 85 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2C9.