

Local Hospital Expansion Increases Need For Thornhill 17-Year-Olds

Boys In T-Shirts Join Girls In Candy Stripe Pinafores

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By MARGARET GOVAN
Have you ever been curious about what a candy stripper does at a hospital?
I was, so I asked Vicky Michkowsky about it. She had been working as one for almost three years at York Central Hospital here and is on the council as a "hostess".
In the first place I learned that although the girls wear most attractive pink striped pinafores, they are now known as the junior auxiliary. I think they like the new name, but also it was a necessary change. Since they now enrol boys who do not wear pinafores but white T-shirts, they naturally called themselves something different. (They are very anxious to get more boys "For they are a wonderful help; there are so many things a girl can't do, and they can!")

Vicky was a Guide, then a Ranger. But she was looking for some different service for the community when she heard about the need for members in the Junior Auxiliary. She had just become 15, which is a "must" for a member. She filled out the application form which asks about hobbies and interests, for there are many different kinds of work for volunteers.

GIFT CART DUTY
This is the gift cart which

is filled with small necessities for patients: candy bars, kleenex, etc. It is taken from room to room so the patients can stock up on what they need or want. (The cheerful visit of a teenager is something which patients delight in, and look forward to.)

Or there is the gift shop where you can be a storekeeper and supply visitors with presents for patients or ambulatory patients with a larger choice of goods. Escort duty is taking people from place to place, running errands — so necessary and a great saving to hospital staff — looking after the delivery of flowers to the patients' rooms, etc.

Admitting is another job which means attending the admitting desk and taking patients and their suitcases to their allotted rooms. Information explains itself.

HER JOB CHOICE
But Vicky's choice is the pediatrics ward where there is a great variety of jobs, and it is closer to actual nursing than anything else a volunteer can do. There is taking care of children who are up and about, and playing with toys out in the hall adjoining the ward—there will be a playroom in the new wing — or entertaining those in bed by putting on the proper TV program, or telling stories,

or reading or just talking. There is help needed when feeding time comes, carrying trays, feeding the very young or those who cannot handle the food themselves, and taking out the trays afterwards. Helping children get ready for bed is another job, seeing they do their teeth, etc.

There are also the orientation tours which take place a couple of times a month for children scheduled to enter hospital in the near future.

Vicky thoroughly enjoys those. The children are given a tour round the hospital whenever outsiders are allowed to go, including the cafeteria. They are shown slides of the operating room and recovery room. A nurse is there to answer children's questions. Then refreshments are served. It is such a splendid idea!

VARIOUS SHIFTS
A volunteer may take on a two-hour or a four-hour shift. And as often in a week as time can be spared, they are kept busy, for the hospital relies heavily and gratefully on the assistance provided by the Junior Auxiliary.

"They appreciate us," says Vicky, "for we give help which would take a nurse's time. Everybody on staff makes us feel so welcome."
Before a would-be volunteer

starts working there are training classes. One staff member has this responsibility. Rules and what one can do or cannot do, are carefully spelled out. It is only after volunteers have been prepared that she and he can put on the pinafore or the T-shirt respectively.

Once you have become a fully fledged member of the Junior Auxiliary there are meetings, about six in the year. At each one of them there is a speaker from the hospital staff, a doctor or a nurse or a physiotherapist, etc. Each talks about some aspect of hospital work. The hostess is much in evidence because she has to have name tags for the members — there are 115 of them (but they need many more with the new wing). As soon as the meeting part of the affair is over, the members make tray favors for special holidays, and the hostess picks up the food from the cafeteria.

23 FROM THORNHILL
"The food is tops," says Vicky.

There are 23 members from the Thornhill district.

"How do they get up to the hospital?" I asked.

"Pooled cars or helpful relatives," was the reply.

"What do you get out of it?"

"If you are considering being a nurse or any kind of medical work, you find out about it. I

know of seven girls in the last three years who have gone in for nursing, and I certainly hope to do so — as a pediatric specialist. Besides, even if you should find out that nursing isn't your thing (which would also be an advantage) there is so much satisfaction. You know you are doing something worthwhile."

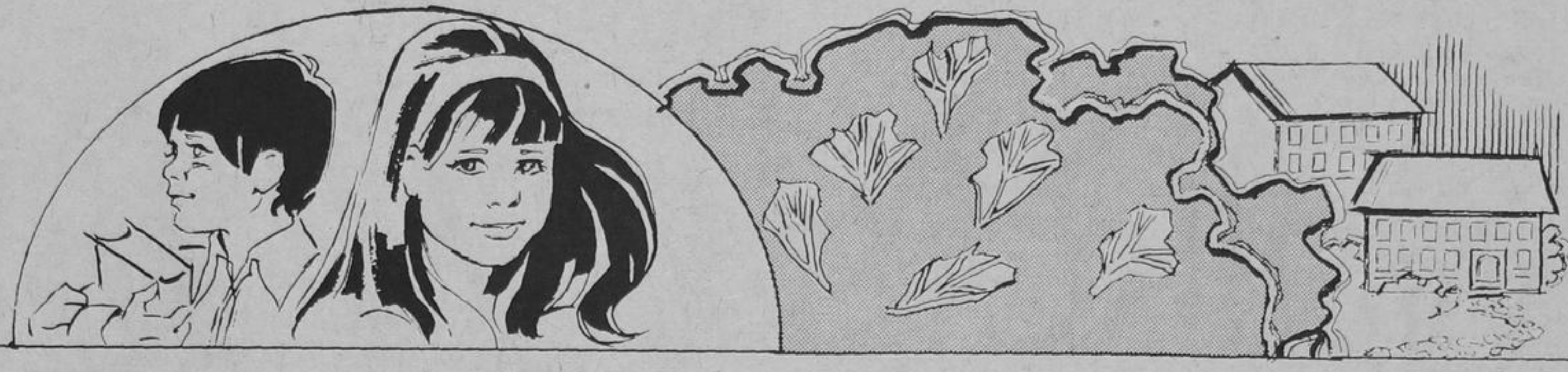
"I love the children and they like me. I meet them on the street after they have recovered and they are so glad to see you. One little girl was there for two months. We became great friends."

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

She also told me about the scholarships. Two are presented each year at a gala meeting of the Senior and Junior Auxiliaries and the hospital staff. These must be applied for by a person who is interested and is entering some form of health service. There must be school reports along with the application forms and any pertinent information. On the basis of these two persons are selected.

Auxiliary members, if Vicky is any sample, are very enthusiastic. They help the Senior Auxiliary in their money making affairs, and are helped by them as well. The Junior Auxiliary is planning a project for September — car washing. REMEMBER, PLEASE.

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Court News

Sent To Trial LSD Traffic

A Willowdale youth arrested in Aurora October 19 in York Region Drug Court at Newmarket Friday was committed to trial by judge and jury in York County Court on an LSD possession trafficking charge.

Randolf Heasman, 22, of Yonge Street waived the hearing of evidence at a preliminary hearing before Provincial Judge Claire Morrison. The federal prosecutor proceeded against Heasman by indictment.

There were two charges against the accused, possession of trafficking and simple possession of LSD.

Patrick Barnes, 18, of Thornhill was fined \$50 or five days in jail when he admitted having illegal marijuana at Aurora at 10:50 pm June 29.

SMELLED MARIJUANA
A York Regional Police constable smelled marijuana in a parked car at the Aurora Community Centre and Barnes was a passenger, the court was told. Barnes is now living with a brother in Toronto, his attorney said.

Mrs. Peggy Paxton, 23, of Prospect Street, Newmarket, got mixed up with marijuana and stole cash receipts from the hydro commission where during a year's probation, charges against her showed. She admitted the charges of theft under \$200 after returning the money. She also pleaded guilty to the May 23 marijuana possession charge.

Mrs. Paxton got a discharge conditional upon her staying out of such trouble during a year's probation YRP using a search warrant at her residence found numerous bags of marijuana seeds and marijuana pipes, the court was told.

Stephen Markson, 22, of Unionville and Toronto was fined \$100 or 10 days jail when he admitted having marijuana January 25 in Whitechurch - Stouffville Town.

BEDROOM SEARCHED
Four bags each containing two ounces of marijuana and a metal box containing half an ounce of marijuana seeds were found by YRP who used a search warrant to examine Markson's bedroom, the court was told.

Michael Harrison, 20, was fined \$50 or five days for having marijuana in King Township February 8. He had a previous 1973 conviction for common assault, the court was told.

SEARCHED RESIDENCE
Police with a search warrant at Harrison's Main Street residence in Schomberg found two plastic bags and a vial containing marijuana. Harrison now lives at Wellington Street, Aurora.

Student Guy Prince, 17, of Keele Street, Maple, admitted having a plastic bag of marijuana June 14 at 11:05 pm at a Woodbridge High School dance. He was given the opportunity of earning a complete discharge if he behaves himself during a year of probation.

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