# Catholic schools gain 603 supporters

Changes from public school supporters to Catholic school supporters amounted to 603 during 1975 in York Region, Assessment Officer Marlene Boyle told a meeting of York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board last week.

Total assessment gained in the changes was about $12,060,000, Mrs. Boyle's report for year showed.

Richmond Hill led the list of changeovers with 138, while Markham was next with 134 and Vaughan followed with 115.

Other changeovers: Newmarket, 65; Georgina, 44; King, 37; Aurora, 27; Whitchurch-Stouffville, 23; East Gwillimbury, 16.

The report stated that corporations in all municipalities except Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill were sent letters asking them to be separate school supporters. However, "the results were not gratifying," as only about 15 out of the 10,000 letters were returned.

"It costs too much money", was the reason given.

Letters were also sent to families without any children in school throughout the nine municipalities.

According to the report, the reason for not changing their taxes seemed to be the mill rate. The results were better this time, however, with 150 out of 5,000 letters returned.

Some of the assessment gains (residential-commercial) for 1975, with last year's figures also shown: Vaughan: 1974 — $22,731,943 — $4,560,886; 1975 — $23,492,584 — $5,229,707; Markham: $44,168,085 — $3,631,241; $46,639,067 — $3,912,535; Richmond Hill: $23,412,619 — $1,625,539; $24,847,421 — $1,615,898; Newmarket: $10,514,347 — $699,176; $11,397,541 — $1,386,502.

Aurora was down slightly in both areas. Its residential assessment for 1974 was $7,096,042, compared with $7,003,627 for 1975.

Its commercial take last year was $689,811, compared with $620,781 for 1975.

King showed a residential gain, but was down in its commercial assessment. The former for 1974 and 1975 were $11,641,897 and $11,813,587, respectively.

The latter category for the same period showed $394,533 and $366,879, respectively.

Estimates for kindergarten enrolment for September, 1976, showed 534 separate school supporters and 176 public school supporters.

For junior kindergarten, the same two categories showed 402 and 197, respectively.

# White Gift service held

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The White Gift service was conducted by members of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Richard Carr and Lynn lit the third Advent candle and Brian Carr led the devotional Christmas legends and customs were told by Glenn Donaldson, Sharon and Allan Reesor, Jerry Reesor and Laurie Carr. Lorie Stewart told the story of the first White Gift, and David Stewart and Ray Brown were ushers.

The junior choir, led by Mrs. Marguerite Jones with Gina Allen and Mrs. Don Reesor on the piano and organ, sang, and Susie Carr performed the dedication of gifts, assisted by her sister Heather.

At the evening service the CGIT and Explorers assisted by Jane Hallett and Jeffery Walker, held a Vesper service to honor the birth of the Christ child. There was a nativity scene, and a birthday cake with a special candlelighting service.

**Neighborhood notes**

Mrs. Allen Hallett is making good progress after surgery at York Central Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Miller were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brodie of Willowdale recently.

When Jack and Miss Mary Rodick held their Christmas party on Dec. 14, guests included Mrs. Morrison Sellar of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Early, London; Mr. and Mrs. John Rodick and family and Mrs. William Rodick, Weston; Miss Lily Tate, Toronto; and Mr. and Mrs. James Rodick, Buttonville; and Miss May Harper of Bolton.

Mrs. Fred Leaf and Lynda were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hird at the Kingsway on Saturday.

The Donald Reesor family and Mrs. Douglas Hood and Isobel will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reesor, Markham, on Christmas.

Six-year-old Wayne Carr spent the last week before Christmas at the Hospital for Sick Children, for corrective leg surgery. On White Gift Sunday at Brown's Corners United Church, he sang in the junior choir with other members of his family, and then went on to hospital.


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