



Wanna dance?

York Central Hospital opened all its closets Saturday, and look who popped out. Larry Burke, RN, holds a replacement hip joint that his pal might make use of. It was all part of hospital's open house which attracted more than 500 people. Diet used by person on right was not recommended. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

## Library seeks grant for air

Richmond Hill council voted last week to support an application by Richmond Hill Public Library, Charles Connor Branch in Oak Ridges, for a Wintario Grant.

Wintario is being asked to provide one-third of \$9,300 which is the total amount to fund a building project which will provide for the installation of an air conditioning system and the creation of an outdoor children's program area.

Under the revised rules of procedure for Wintario, whenever a board of committee of a

municipality, like the Library Board submits an application for funding, the application must be accompanied by an endorsement by the municipality.

Maureen Stephenson, assistant to chief librarian of the main library, said \$3,200 was raised at a bazaar and trivia sale last December in the branch library and another \$3,000 was raised by the sale of a cookbook made up of recipes contributed by the whole Richmond Hill library staff.

When the Oak Ridges branch library was constructed, air conditioning was dispensed with because of lack of funds.

Josie Fleming, branch head for the library, said over the last three years the staff have taken temperature readings during summer months which at times have reached in excess of 98 degrees.

Not only is this uncomfortable for patrons and staff, said Mrs. Fleming, but it damages the books.

## Three cakes needed to celebrate tenth anniversary

The York Separate School Board is celebrating its tenth birthday this year and Markham Trustee June Mallon took 10 minutes out of last Tuesday's meeting to serve trustees, staff and the press some cake.

Blowing out candles on three cakes baked by Mrs. Mallon were three of the four original trustees who sat on the board in 1969: Jack McDermott, John O'Mahony and Mrs. Mallon herself.

The other trustee from that time, a man who recently retired from the board after devoting

nearly 20 years to education and community service is John Taylor of Richmond Hill.

In her recognition of the board's anniversary, Mrs. Mallon gave the newly-elected trustees a quick, sometimes startling, review of the past 10 years.

"Prior to January 1, 1969 there were 11 Separate School Boards in York catering to 4,000 students. Today, there are about 10,000 students in our system," she said.

She recalled five board meetings were held between December 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969 — the

date of the actual takeover. That's nearly half as many meetings held annually now and Mrs. Mallon claims it showed the great interest people had in education and in putting a big board together.

Other fascinating facts about the Separate School system include:

- there were 193 full time teachers as of September 30, 1969, today

the board employs 463 teachers;

- there were 18 schools back in the beginning and now there are 25;
- there were no consultants, no teacher-librarians on staff and there were only three special education teachers for the whole system.

"I remember being one of the trustees who interviewed five applicants

for the position of director of education. Four months after we selected Joe Hodge, the 'white-haired kid' from Toronto was hired as his assistant," said Mrs. Mallon.

The young kid she referred to is Director of Education John Zupancic, whom she said, impressed just about everybody with his ability.

She discussed other changes and reminded everyone there were no representatives from Markham in the early days. Today, Markham has five trustees sitting on the board.

The York County Board of Education is also celebrating its tenth year of operation. So far, no plans have been discussed about commemorating the occasion.

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