Six former Pickering-Ajax High School students were honored recently at a meeting of Ajax Town Council.

They were congratulated as recipients of coveted Canada Scholarship Awards.

Commended were - Eve Harris and Reza Samahir of Pickering and Jennifer Cram, Jeff McDougall and Christopher Lea of Ajax.

### Land documents destroyed

The original documents pertaining to Ontario land registration are being destroyed.

So reports the Ontario Genealogical Society, Orchard View Blvd., Toronto.

. A great number, the Society says, have already been shredded, including those pertaining to Toronto and York Region.

Those not destroyed are slated for destruction in order to save space. Once this is completed, other original documentation will follow, the report states.

Wording of the press release continues:

"These documents represent our heritage. They are used regularly by genealogists and historians to produce the family and community histories that present our past and culture in understandable form to the citizens of Ontario.

While copying documents helps to preserve them from the damage of constant use and helps make them available for consultation over a wider area, copies cannot completely replace originals.

"Scholarly research from copies is unacceptable in the academic community. Copies frequently have illegible areas and missing pages. Copies of the destroyed land records are no exception to this.

"Preserving and making accessible historical documents has not been a high priority with the Government of Ontario: We, one of the widest users of these records, want to help."

### Farming : equipment show set

Plans are underway for the third annual Canadian International Farm Equipment Show, Feb. 7-10 at the Toronto International Centre, Airport Road.

Six hundred exhibitors have reserved 350,000 square feet of space.

The Canadian International Farm Equipment Show has become a major buying source for anyone involved inagriculture in Canada.

Daily seminars are planned. Several related associations are holding meetings and receptions.

Shuttle bus service will operate between nearby hotels and the parking lot.

Show hours are - Feb. 7, 8 and 9, (9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.); Feb. 10, (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

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# Busy schedule for York Region VON

During an average month, the Victorian Order of Nurses, (York Region Branch), will make 6,800 visits. In Whitchurch-Stouffville alone, calls number in excess of 600.

Who are these 'angels of mercy' and what is the organization they represent? Since Jan. 22 to 28 is VON Week across Canada, The Tribune

wishes to draw readers' attention to what this non-profit, community health branch means to residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville and York Region. The Victorian Order of Nurses was established 91 years ago.

by Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Governor General of Canada. Members of staff, most of which are registered nurses, respond to the needs of all age groups, from newborn babies to senior citizens. School calls are also an important part of the program.

The York Region Branch of the VON covers an area that extends from Steeles Avenue on the south to Lake Simcoe on the north and from Hwy. 50 on the west to the York-Durham townline on the east.

As York Region (and Whitchurch-Stouffville) grows, so does the need for VON services, says Brenda Boylen, a branch director and chairman of the fundraising committee. In the past year alone, calls have increased by 34 per cent, she says.

This has placed an added strain on both personnel and facilities. Thus there's a need for a fundraising campaign, Brenda points out.

The VON offers a wide variety of services including home visiting nursing, supportive care, occupational health and foot care clinics. The York Region Branch has a nursing staff of 85, both full

and part-time. For the majority of patients, visit costs are totally or partially covered by OHIP or by a private insurance policy. If neither of these is available, individuals are charged a fee according to ability to pay.

In order to maintain visiting nursing service and initiate new programs, additional funds are required. Assistance comes through charitable donations from individuals and corporations, memorial gifts and fundraising events.



The York Region branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) makes an average 600 calls a month in the Stouffville area. An order founded 91 years ago in Canada, the VON offers in-home visits for the sick. Here, Whitchurch-Stouffville Ward 1

Councillor Margo Marshall (left) and VON Branch Director and Fundraiser Brenda Boylen do their part to promote Jan. 22-28 as VON Week in Canada.

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