

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Accept \$115,897 Tender For New Pineview School

The bid from Aedle Construction Co. Ltd., Whitby, amounting to \$115,897 has been accepted for the construction of a new six-room Pineview central school near Hornby. During an afternoon meeting, December 4, Esquimaux school board reviewed the tenders and made their decision.

When the new school is completed, present schools at Hornby, Quatre Bras, Ligny and Pinegrove will close their doors. Land was purchased for the new school several months ago from Claude Pickett and a well for water was drilled.

Review Decision

During the December 4 meeting the following resolution was approved: "That whereas this board is allowed \$60 honorarium per annum and whereas this board has met approximately 50 to 60 times, be it hereby resolved that each member be allowed \$140 as expenses for attending such meetings and attending to the board business."

During the meeting Tuesday afternoon at Speyside school, a resolution to reconsider the former one was presented but lost. Members voting for and sponsoring the resolution were Stanley Brown and Bob Lawson. Voting in the negative and causing a tie vote were vice-chairman Mrs. Shirley Armstrong and trustee Mac Sprawl. In the absence of chairman R. J. Cunningham who is ill, the vote resulted in a tie and therefore was lost.

Inspector McDowell informed the board the act allows payment of \$5 per meeting up to 12 meetings a year as well as seven cents per mile for travelling expenses attending meetings.

Seek Transportation

Two familiar faces at board meetings this year, Joe Shertel and Bruce Nixon, were on hand again Tuesday to seek transportation for 22 children in the Norval area to Norval school. During former visits, the delegates asked for transportation for the pupils and to date have received no reply.

Mr. Shertel told the board he had been transporting his children for the past seven years and in view of his taxes for educa-

tion being hiked up yearly he felt "entitled to a few benefits". The 22 children involved all attend Norval school.

Mr. Shertel said the Esquimaux school bus transporting pupils to Stewarttown school passed the 22 children on the road but no bus was available to take them to Norval. He gave the board two alternative solutions as he stated "I will either send my children to Stewarttown and you will have to transport them or the board can provide transportation to Norval school."

The spokesman said the last bus arrived at Stewarttown school at 8.36 a.m. and left the school empty at 8.37 a.m. and is parked at the Stewarttown hall until the afternoon return trips. He told trustees he had driven the distance from Stewarttown school to Norval in nine minutes and suggested the bus from Stewarttown school would have time to pick up the 22 children and deliver them to Norval in time for 9 o'clock classes.

Transportation chairman Bob Lawson informed the delegate the board did not have to accept the children at Stewarttown school on account of boundary lines and overcrowding. He also wondered if the children were bussed one way to Norval school how they would be returned home as the bus was in use until after 5 p.m. in the evening. "The last time we were here we had two problems, now it has been whittled down to one," quipped Mr. Shertel. Members agreed it would be most economical to provide an additional bus for the 22 children.

Board members referred the request to the transportation committee who promised an answer by the next meeting.

Present for the meeting were Mrs. Armstrong, Mac Sprawl, Stanley Brown and Bob Lawson absent on account of illness was chairman R. J. Cunningham. Mac Sprawl was chosen acting secretary for the meeting since acting secretary Miss R. F. Evans was unable to attend.

—Don't forget to stock up on your milk supply for the Christmas holidays. No deliveries Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Christmas Excitement Pervades At M. Z. Bennett School Concert

Excited parents jammed Rob Little school auditorium Wednesday night to watch children from the M. Z. Bennett school decked in gay costumes present their annual Christmas concert. Every available seat was filled with an overflow crowd standing at the rear of the auditorium and a few in the hallway.

Children from the junior grades presented around the auditorium. Mrs. Kay Adams grade one presented Santa Claus and the Mouse and sang "Away in a Manger". Mrs. Benson's grades three and four presented a song by Henry Wessley "Santa Please Come Down My Chimney" and Carol M. Carleton singing "Alleluia".

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Principal Elmer Smith was in charge and popular music super-visor Glenn Blanks played the piano. First came the wide-eyed kindergartners who sang "White Christmas" and "Night Santa Claus". Mrs. Adams' grade two class sang "In the Snow". Mrs. Adams' grade two class sang "In the Snow".

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School Board Appointments Spark Lively Council Debate

Education problems were aired for the second time within a few weeks Tuesday evening when high school board appointments sparked a lively debate among council members. A recorded split vote resulted when council made the 1963 appointment of two trustees.

Returned to the board for an other term as council appointees are Rex Dwight D. Engel and F. S. Lovelace. Public school board trustees had formerly approved the appointment of Jack Reid as their representative. Esquimaux township is represented by Wallace Swackhamer and Sassaqua by Duncan Moffat.

During the vote on the appointments, six members of council voted in favor of the two selected and three voted in the negative, after a lively discussion on board and staff administration at the high school.

Discuss Viewpoints

One of the members opposed to the appointments argued that 75 per cent of the voting public were dissatisfied with the present administration at the school and stated "If they voted on the appointments, they would do something different." He claimed the people were looking for council to do something about the school problem. Another member asserted that 75 per cent of the people didn't know a darn thing about the high school and the other 25 per cent did because they had students attending.

The same member, although in favor of the appointments, stated "It is a sad thing that council doesn't know how far a high school board can go in controlling administration as it appeared to have limited powers." Mayor explained the Ontario Municipal Board had the controlling power over council and cracked the whip when council stepped out of line and he assumed the Department of Education acted in the same capacity with the school board. "Council has little authority in this field of operation," claimed the mayor. When asked

if he would consider a seat on the school board, the mayor replied "Oh, no, I intend to keep the fish and golf balls company next year." He assured members he would serve on the recreation committee at next year's council wished him to.

Other Appointments

Other appointments made during the meeting included the following to Parks Board, Mrs. G. E. Ever, three-year term; J. I. Hurst for a two-year term. Appointed to Planning Board were Wesley Massey and Dave Mames for three-year terms and Ken Hardman for a two-year term.

A request from the Parks Board to have a fire door installed at the furnace room in the Community Centre after the recommendation had been made by the fire insurance underwriters was referred back to the board. Council suggested the board include the amount of installation in their next year's budget.

Dismantle Equipment

Clerk Jack McGeachie reported he had contacted Beadmore and Company regarding a former discussion about purchasing the south spring for farmers use and had not received a reply. The clerk said council workers had dismantled equipment in the pumping station at the spring when no answer had been received. It was agreed, however, the equipment could be re-installed within a day if the offer of purchase was given. Reasons for dismantling the equipment were to preserve the machinery and to eliminate the cost of heating the building.

Mr. McGeachie also reported the Ontario Water Resources Commission had taken tests at the disposal plant and found the final effluent B.O.D. count at 23. He also reported tests had been taken on the Black Creek following complaints from a Lunenburg area resident. According to the report the B.O.D. count taken above the disposal plant registered at 46 and below the plant at 44, while further downstream the count rose to 14 at one spot.

Pressure relief valves have both been installed and engineers were considering turning the reservoir water into the town system Friday. Mayor Goy cautioned against such prompt action and advised waiting until after the holiday period in the event one of the services spring a leak.

The town workmen are entitled to a holiday as well as anyone else and I wouldn't like to see them working during the holiday," he stated. Council agreed to ask the engineers to wait until January.

Accounts totaling \$5,913.01 were approved for payment.

Monday Busiest At Post Office

Four extra helpers have been added to the postal staff to help wade through tons of Christmas mail the past two weeks Monday was the peak day for mail when over 22,000 cards were sorted. This amount is more than any one day last year at this time.

Postmaster Gordon McKeown expects to sell between 20,000 and 30,000 two-cent stamps from the time Christmas mail began two weeks ago until the last card is mailed. The heavy influx of mail arrived Friday and since then the staff has been constantly busy from 11:30 a.m. at night until 6 a.m. and from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

On Sunday two truckloads of parcels arrived for distribution and five staff members were kept busy all Sunday afternoon sorting. The volume of parcels this year is also heavier than last year.

Members of the regular staff include the postmaster, assistant postmaster Mrs. Chris Britton, Mrs. John Chapman, Vic Bristow, Mrs. Marjorie Masters, Jim Gunn, Alex Frank, Miss Alice Pilkington and Jack Dowling. Helping during the Christmas rush are Mrs. Herb Cook, Mrs. Jean Combe, Cam Leishman and Mrs. Dick Wilke.

Lay Cornerstone At Bethel Church

Nine years after being first organized in Acton, members of the Christian Reformed church witnessed the laying of the cornerstone for their new church Rev. Jelle Nutma, in the brief but impressive ceremony Saturday afternoon, reviewed the history of the church first formed in May 1953. About 75 heard the formal ceremony in the church basement, moving outside to the cold for the actual laying of the cornerstone.

In welcoming Mayor John Goy representing council, the minister stressed the community spirit adopted by his congregation as stated. We of the Christian Reformed church desire to be good and loyal citizens of the town and all our work behind council in all our words and deeds.

Mr. Nutma referred to Romans 13, which states: "Even civil authority is given by God and man as a citizen must live in submission to that civil authority." He told the masses that he and his congregation were pleased with council's interest in their church.

Friend and Minister Representing the Acton Municipal Association, Rev. A. H. McKenzie of Knox Presbyterian church was welcomed both as a personal friend and fellow minister as Mr. Nutma thanked the association for excellent cooperation during the past nine years.

A special thanks was offered to Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Brown Church of Royal North. The church minister led the congregation the Browns had made it possible to obtain a portion of the money to build a church and had assisted them through financial difficulties.

Church's History In outlining the history of the church, described on a long scroll, Mr. Nutma said the church had first been organized in May 1953 and nine years ago first services were held in Lutton Memorial Hall Church. Meetings were held in the basement of Knox church and weddings solemnized in Knox church. Prior to building the new church, of their own church, services were also held in the Y.M.C.A.

Light Up

Turn your Christmas tree lights on Saturday! A group will be touring the town seeking out the best ten decorated homes. A judge from out of town will make the final decision on which is the best, for the new Chamber of Commerce \$25 prize.



REV. JELLE NUTMA laid the cornerstone Saturday afternoon for the new Christian Reformed church building to be known as Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Acton. During the brief and impressive ceremonies, which contained several interesting items was included in the cornerstone. Mr. Nutma is pictured on the left, laying the cornerstone as Richard Vandenberg, contractor, assists.

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CHURCH DOCUMENTS and current coins were deposited in a copper box to be included with the cornerstone of Bethel Christian Reformed Church. Officials who placed items in the box are left to right, John Krul, building committee chairman, Fred Reink, treasurer, pastor Rev. Jelle Nutma, Ever Enzing, oldest member of the congregation and Ralph Gris, church elder.