OBITUARY

LATE CHARLES HICKSON

The community was shocked by the news of the sudden passing of Charles Hickson of Toronto, a former resident of Richmond Hill, which occurred Sunday, January 6th. He had been enjoying his usual good health until suddenly stricken with a heart attack. His wife passed away on December 22nd. and he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Meek of Toronto. The funeral was held from his late residence Wednesday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. C. B. Brethen of Richmond Hill United Church. Interment took place at Richmond Hill cemetery where the rites of the Masonic Order were observed. The pallbearers were Kenneth, Douglas and Bruce Williams, Harold Alton, Fred Meek and C. H. Sanderson.

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. C. B. Brethen, B.A., **minister**
Sunday, Jan. 13th
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7 p.m.—Evening Worship.
All are welcome.

MID-WEEK SERVICES
Every Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock
"What We Believe and Preach"
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Rev. S. W. Hirtle, B.A., Minister
Sunday, Jan. 13th
10.30 a.m.—Sabbath School.
11.45 a.m.—Public Worship.
Monday, Jan. 14th
6.30 p.m.—Congregational Supper followed by the annual meeting.
Wednesday, Jan. 16th
8 p.m.—Young People's Society.
Thursday, Jan. 17th
3 p.m.—The Women's Association at the home of Mrs. G. Yerex, Yonge Street.

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Rev. W. F. Wrixon, L.Th., R.D., Rector
Miss Bernice Lightbody, A.Mus., L.T.C.L., Organist
Sunday, Jan. 13 Epiphany 1
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.
All cordially invited.

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Dr. M. H. Blandin, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 13th
11 a.m.—Bible School.
7 p.m.—Gospel service.
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Report Of Thornhill Public School Trustees For 1945

The school year of 1945 has been an important one in the history of our school, particularly, and for the whole province generally. The most marked change is that every school section in the province now receives a provincial grant of from 50% to 90%. The effect of this measure has been to spread the cost of education more generally over the entire province, and to ease the burden to some extent on the property owners of the municipalities; and what is more important to give some of the poorer rural districts some of the same educational advantages as the urban centres, and to increase the total inadequate salaries of rural school teachers to a reasonable amount.

Here in our own school, some changes have been introduced which are important. Your Board considered it advisable to introduce free distribution of text books and class room material for the pupils. By buying in quantities the cost is about 60% of that of the individual purchaser, and the text books, being the property of the School Board, the teachers can and do insist that proper care be taken of them, and the uniformity of scribblers and exercise books makes for better work.

I think it is obvious that the most important function of a school board is to engage and keep engaged the best teaching staff available. Modern school equipment and buildings are important, but a school may still be great despite shabby buildings and lack of equipment if it is staffed by men and women of character and competent qualifications. Rural school areas have always been at a disadvantage in engaging the best type of teacher. We could not enter into the competition with large urban areas with high assessment rolls and were forced to choose our teachers from those left after larger cities and towns had made their selections. The changes introduced by the Provincial Department of Education is going a long distance to remedy this state of affairs. Thornhill school, because of its location has been somewhat fortunate, and we have succeeded in obtaining the best staff available. Our staff now consists of Mr. Dyer (Principal), Mrs. Hanson (replaced Mrs. Hickson who resigned), Miss Allendore and Miss Wesley in the primary grades. That good academic standard has been maintained is evidenced by the fact that two of our 1945 Entrance graduates head their respective forms at Earl Haig Collegiate this year. One of our pupils, Irene Bannis, won the York County Oratorical Contest, and another ex-pupil, Veronica Hrace, won her Section Oratorical Contest at Earl Haig.

We have endeavoured to give our teachers some encouragement and a sense of financial security, and early in the year we arranged for a tentative salary schedule, which brings our teachers' salaries in line with schools of similar size and similarly located. The days are now happily gone when a school teacher could be engaged for $400 or $500 a year. Now by law, the school board is compelled to pay a minimum salary of $1200.00.

Your board is pleased to report that the attendance of pupils attending the school year just ended was considerably better than that of 1944. There was an aggregate total attendance of 21,903½ school pupil days for 1944, and for 1945 an aggregate total attendance of 22,382½ days. Days lost for illnesses in 1944 were 1916, and for 1945, 1622, a very marked improvement. Encouraging as this report may be, there are several items which give the board some concern. Under the heading, Parental Neglect, in 1944 there were 408 school days lost, and in 1945, 444½.

There is only one conclusion that can be drawn from this item, and that is, increasing lack of co-operation on the part of parents, with teachers and the board. Parental neglect does not mean that pupils are being sent to school ill clothed and under-nourished. It simply means that parents are permitting their children to stay at home for trivial reasons. Shocking as it may seem to many of us, there are still children losing time from school because of inadequate clothing in cold weather, and through reasons which can only be attributed to poverty. Under this heading, however, we can report that in 1945 there was less time lost on this account than in the previous year.

I have mentioned that illnesses account for 1622 days as against 1916 in 1944. The board feels that this improvement is in some measure due to the increasing concern and vigilance of the teachers and the board in all matters effecting the health of this school, and I would like to interject here that your board believes that a great amount of work still remains to be done in regard to the health of the school and the community. It has been our policy for a number of years to have an annual dental inspection. This was carried out in 1945 as in other years and it should be noted, and probably has been noted, that Dr. Bigford, in his report in the local press commented on the excellent dental condition of our pupils. Several years ago the pupils of the school were immunized for Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria, and the results of that wise policy are borne out in the marked decrease in this serious contagious disease both in 1944 and in 1945.

In November of this year every pupil of the school was medically examined by a medical officer for the Township of Vaughan. Each child received a report on his condition with comments by the doctor. I sincerely hope that it was carefully read by the parents, and the corrective measures taken, which, in so many cases, would prevent the development of physical defects in later life. So often a simple corrective measure such as a little more attention to properly fitting boots, a change in glasses, or removal of tonsils, means the difference between a bright and interested pupil at school and one whose class record suffers by comparison with other pupils. All teachers and doctors now recognize the very definite relationship between physical well-being and mental alertness. I regret to state that the matter of handling medical education prevention and care in our school section is lamentably antiquated. There is only one way that the matter can be satisfactorily handled and that is by a municipal system of doctors and nurses who are armed with all the necessary authority to follow up cases into the homes. The school nurse system has been introduced into some parts of Ontario with amazing success. During the war there were no increases in the number of municipalities, townships and school sections adopting the "doctor-nurse" system. However, I am informed that the Provincial Government proposes to take some measures to this end which will become effective in 1946. What this plan will be I have as yet no knowledge, but I have been told, during my recent visit to the Department in Queen's Park that it will probably be in the nature of some form of Township Health Service, and which will include the section schools. Ours is a union school section, and because of that we are required to negotiate with two townships when any matter such as Public Health is being discussed. We have had in all such matters the closest co-operation of the Township of Vaughan. I regret to state that Markham Township has not shown the same interest in modern trends. Your board intends to make it its business to build up the best health service in our school that government facilities afford us.

My comments on the financial report will be of a very general nature. School costs are up. The reason for this is apparent. We are operating a four-roomed school as against a three-roomed school for the better part of 1944, which means we are paying the salary of an additional teacher, the cost of servicing an extra room and supplying all books and equipment. Maintenance costs while no larger in 1945 than in 1944 are still excessive. A radical change in school financing is the new government policy of increasing provincial grants. Now, depending upon the location of the school, its assessment rolls and other factors, only 50% of the cost of education is borne by the ratepayer of this school section. Equipment grants for improvement, in addition to the school equipment, is on a more generous scale, and the definition of what constitutes equipment has been considerably enlarged. Therefore, our total expenses are higher than in any previous year and the costs to any individual ratepayer in the school section are somewhat less.

It is quite apparent to you that our school during the past year has been well maintained, having regard to present day conditions. This year, adopting our usual policy of doing some painting and interior decorating each year, we had the halls painted and the lower north room. A contract was let for the installation of modern lighting in the north lower room, but due to a number of reasons, the work has not been commenced. It was hoped that we would have had it installed so that you could note the difference between modern scientific lighting and the haphazard method in which the rooms have been lighted in the past. Now a special department is maintained by the Ontario Hydro to give advice on school lighting, and before any change can be made in the system, all plans are carefully checked and approval withheld until the commission's recommendations are embodied in the plans. We hope to commence this work immediately and have the work completed before the dark winter days are over and the board's policy is to systematically change over the entire lighting system of the rooms to the approved modern method.

As usual, I cannot pass this report over without congratulating the caretaker, Mr. Perry Simpkins, on the matter of how he keeps the school grounds. This always is the subject of favourable comment in the Inspector's reports, and being situated at the south limit of the village, serves as a happy and gracious introduction to our village.

While on the question of school buildings, your board have become seized with the importance of looking into the future of our school. Our present teaching staff are handling present school attendances without difficulty. Class room average is almost thirty per teacher. Educationalists advise that between thirty to thirty-five represents the maximum that any teacher can handle and do efficient work. If real

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DIED

HORNER, John Alfred — At New Lowell, Ont., Monday, January 7th, 1946, John Alfred Horner, in his 88th year, father of Ruben Horner, New Lowell and W. H. Horner, Richmond Hill.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, January 4th from Wright & Taylor's Funeral Home, Richmond Hill. Interment Heise Hill Cemetery.

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