

Rural & Urban Property Owners Clash As Carrville School Problem Discussed

A decision to send up to twenty-five pupils to a school operated by the School Area No. 1 Board, which has recently taken over the former school sections of Thornhill, Thornlea, Langstaff and Richvale was reached at a meeting of Carrville school section residents which packed Carrville school to the doors Monday night. Pupils will be paid for on a fee basis.

The decision was based on a resolution adopted by the School Area board, which stated that the trustees would co-operate by taking the overflow of pupils from Carrville school, "if, as and when it was possible to do so."

The meeting was marked by frequent clashes of opinion between owners of smaller semi-urban properties and farm owners. Hearty applause came from statements such as "It just isn't fair that farmers are expected to pay for thousands of people coming in" on the one side and "You farmers are getting increased values for your land because we have come in," on the other.

With Dr. Walker voted into the chair, the meeting heard a long report from Public School Inspector Charles Howitt, who detailed the various alternatives which would help to relieve the school from its present overcrowding, with forty-five pupils being taught by one teacher in a space said to be only sufficient for thirty-five. He gave the cost of varying solutions. If, for example, it was de-

"A certain group is trying to run the school," said a member of the audience, asserting that the school building had been condemned — a statement hotly denied by several others present. He had not condemned the school, said Inspector Howitt, but had pointed out that certain improvements, such as proper toilet facilities were necessary. He spoke of improvements such as lighting which had already been made.

Talk Area Splitting
An inconclusive debate on splitting the school area was held, with opinions freely expressed by those for and against.

A motion to build a new school received only a few votes. "How will it be decided, and who is to do the deciding, as to which children go to one of the area schools?" asked another speaker, pointing out that at the present time it would only be necessary to send ten children away to bring the school down to the numbers which it could handle.

A motion to authorize the installation of modern toilets was amended, with the meeting voting to stand behind the trustees in connection with any repairs or improvements they might make.

Chairman Jack Barton of the school board, together with Trustees Bryan Bailey and Stanley Wood, were present at the meeting and answered numerous questions.

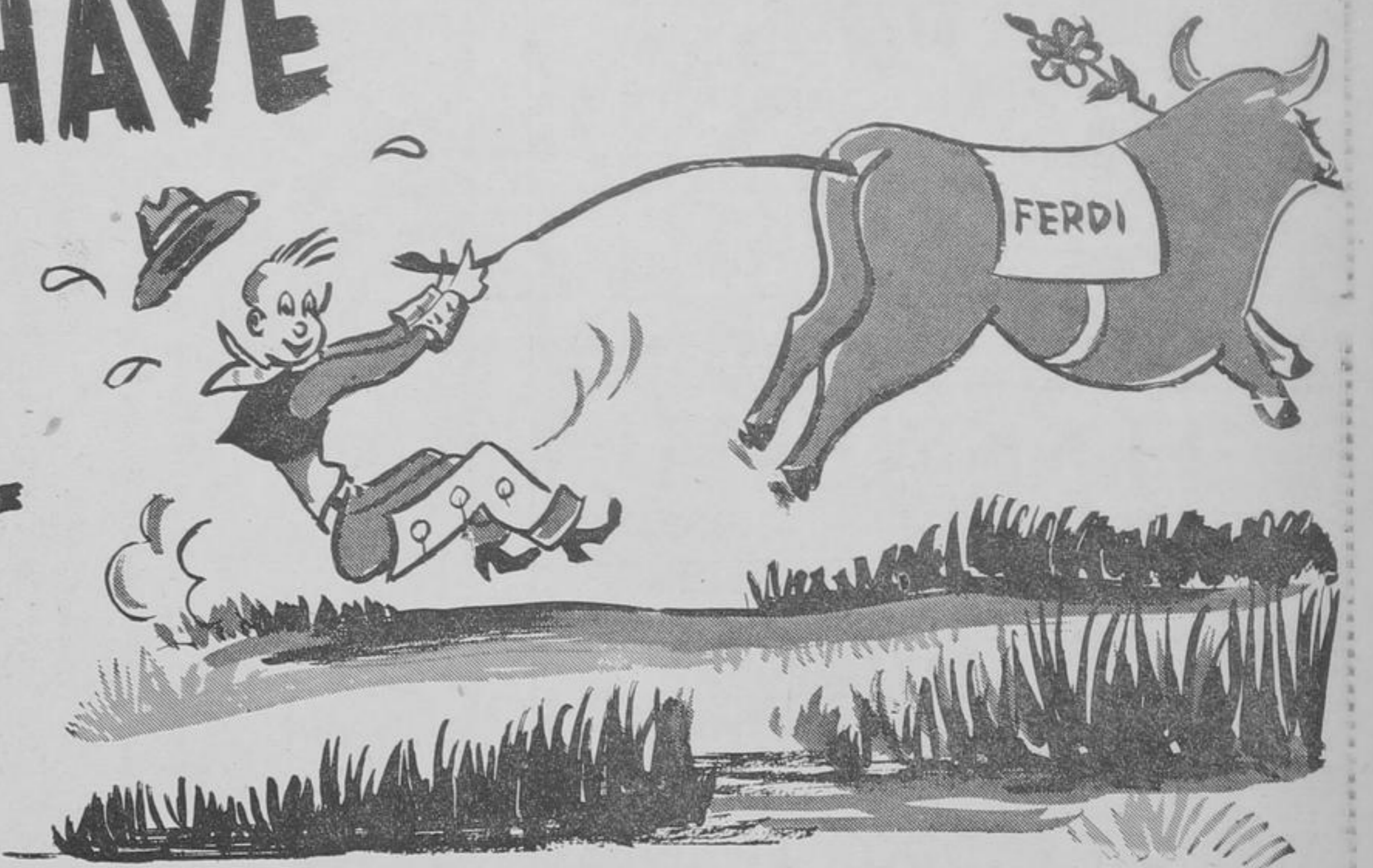
decided to build a new school at a cost of \$60,000 the mill rate for the building alone, not including operating costs, would be ten mills. He pointed out that if a new school were put on the present site it would not be at the centre of population.

Increased Cost
How could farms be expected to pay the increased cost of the school, one member of the audience asked, pointing out that to send children as "guest pupils" to other schools would increase taxes seven mills.

Again a retort came from the small property owners group — "You farmers are interested only in what it means to yourselves."

Inspector Howitt pointed out, in reply to questions, that there was no guarantee of permanency in connection with children sent to one of the School Area establishments. The area, he stated, could not in any event accommodate them until a new school is built, and that ability to take children from sections outside the area would always depend on there being facilities to handle them.

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School Area Board's Inaugural Sees New System Get Started

This is both an ending and a beginning," said Public School Inspector Charles Howitt, speaking at the inaugural meeting of Township School Area No. 1, Markham and Vaughan, held in Powell Road School, Thornhill, last week.

"It marks the ending of a period in history," he said, paying tribute to those pioneers who had organized and carried on the school sections for many years. It brought into being a new era of school management keyed to the times but, he asserted, it brought also great responsibility and many problems to those who had been chosen, as members of the board for the area, to administer school affairs. "It will not be easy at first," he warned the trustees.

The board's first meeting was opened by Charles Hoover, clerk of Markham Township. Prayers were read and a short address given by Rev. E. E. Kent of Thornhill.

"I hope to see school areas set up all through the township eventually," said Reeve John Hoss-trawser of Vaughan Township, speaking to the considerable number of guests who attended the inaugural. Indicative of the interest which the township had taken in suggesting and working for school areas was the 100% attendance of his council. Deputy Reeve Marshall McMurchy, Councilors Jas. Robson, Albert Rutherford and William Agar all being present, together with Township Clerk J. M. McDonald.

"Tomorrow rests on the pupils of today," said Reeve Win. Timbers of Markham Township, emphasizing the need for co-operation between township council, ratepayers and the school area board.

Presidents Speak
Offering that co-operation Messrs. J. McAlpine, Roy and R. Priestman, presidents respectively of the Doncaster, Langstaff and Highland Park Ratepayers Associations, said that their groups would work with the board to the fullest possible extent.

Getting down to business the board elected Sidney Griffiths of Thornhill as its first chairman. Keith Richan, formerly on the Thornlea school board, was elected vice-chairman, with Jackson Taylor of Richvale being named as chairman of public relations. Dr. A. W. R. Doan was chosen as treasurer.

The board as one of its first actions, decreed that all major jobs of work in connection with schools should be handled by tenders. A resolution thanking members of boards of school sections, secretaries and all other officials for their services was adopted.

Consider Building Program
Facing the necessity of expanding school accommodation, trustees instructed the treasurer to initiate study of a building program, and agreed to visit the Thornlea school, where three inadequate buildings are serving as schoolrooms, as soon as possible.

The meeting concluded with Benediction, pronounced by Rev. S. A. R. Wood of Thornhill, after which visitors to the meeting were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Richan, Thornlea.

Befriended Boy Takes Truck From Oak Ridges Benefactors

Left in charge of four sleeping children, Claude Lamaroux, 17, an employee of William Hanna, owner of the Village Bar and service station at Oak Ridges absconded early Sunday morning with a brand new pick-up truck. Mr. Hanna said the truck had only been driven less than a hundred miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanna closed the lunch room at the usual hour, 1 a.m. Saturday and went to visit friends on the King side road. Returning about 4 a.m. Mrs. Hanna noticed the truck was missing. She went to Lamaroux's room to ask him who had the truck and found he had left and taken all his personal belongings. The Hannas also discovered that the lad they had befriended when he said he didn't have a home had rifled the cash register and taken all the nickles out of the pin-ball machine, the

total loss amounting to about \$40. He evidently anticipated a long journey because he filled the truck with gas and two tin containers before he left. The gas pumps registered the fact seventeen gallons had been taken.

Mrs. Hanna said the four children, Jacqueline, 9, Jack, 8, Elizabeth Ann, 7 and Bobby, 3, had been put to bed earlier in the evening and evidently had not awakened during the time they were alone.

"I was more upset at the thought of the children being left by themselves than I was at the realization we had lost a \$1500 truck," said Mrs. Hanna.

Lamaroux, a French Canadian, was thought to be heading for Quebec. Provincial Constable Charles Case is investigating.

Memorial Trophy To Be Annual Oak Ridges Award

The executive of the Oak Ridges Community Club, which was disbanded two years ago, has given its funds and hockey equipment to the Oak Ridges Lions Club for the use of the youngsters who play each Saturday morning at Aurora.

The sum of one hundred dollars which was donated to the Community Club by Mrs. Lownds, a former resident, will be used to purchase a cup or shield, which will bear the name "Edna Lownds Memorial Trophy." This award will remain in the school at all times to be won annually by the most outstanding entrance pupil. The name of the winner each year will be engraved on the trophy. The educational committee of

the Lions Club will choose the winner. The student need not be the one obtaining the highest marks but will be in the opinion of the judges, one showing outstanding ability, character, and proficiency.

Howard Jackman Injured

An injured back was suffered by Howard Jackman, proprietor of Bond Lake Garage and prominent member of the Richmond Hill Lions Club, when he jumped from the back of a tow truck on Monday morning and slipped. He was attended by Dr. Cowan of Richmond Hill and X-Rays are being taken to determine the extent of the injury.

Wreath Marks Reeve's Vacant Desk

A wreath marked the vacant desk which would have been that of Reeve J. A. Greene when York County Council — a body of which he had been a member on many occasions — met in Toronto last week.

Taken ill on the day when he would have attended the initial meeting of the first 1951 session, Reeve Greene died on the following day.

Air Rifle Smashes Windows

Using an air rifle, three juveniles age 8, 11 and 14 broke 22 panes of glass and 14 electric light bulbs in a barn on Don Head Farms last week. The culprits were rounded up within an hour by Constable W. J. Adams and E. Bone of the Vaughan Township police force.

Elmer's Coming

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ness Men's Association and similar bodies.

A word about Elmer himself. He's not a real elephant — just a symbol in case anyone is looking for a circus parade. Actually, ELMER THE SAFETY ELEPHANT WHO NEVER FORGETS is part of a pennant which, next Wednesday, will be hoisted to the top of the village's main flagpole. It will remain there just as long as there is no accident which is the fault of a pupil. If an accident occurs then Elmer comes down — and stays down until there have been thirty days free from a traffic accident in which a school pupil has been at fault. If the pennant has to be lowered it is done by a police officer or public official in the presence of the children and a short safety talk given.

The "Elmer program which originated with the Toronto Telegram has been running in Toronto for some considerable time and has won outstanding commendation from those interested in the safety for children, including school boards, teachers, police.

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