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### Must Appeal To Dept. of Education

## Whitchurch Council Has No Jurisdiction In Request For New Election In S.S. 13

By Mrs. C. L. Stephenson

Six residents of S. S. 13 Lake Wilcox appeared before council at its statutory meeting held on Monday, December 15, enquiring into the way the election for school trustee was conducted at S. S. 13 on Wednesday, December 10, when Mr. Alfred Patchell, Lake Wilcox, defeated Mrs. E. Davidson by 20 votes. Mr. Wm. Hope, president of the Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox Ratepayers Association, Mr. P. E. Demers, Mr. and Mrs. W. Merran, property owners for 25 years, who came from Toronto to attend this meeting, Mrs. Merran had been denied a vote at the election for school trustee last week, Mrs. K. Weston, Mrs. Ernest Davidson, all members of the delegation spoke to council and presented their points of dispute in a clear cut earnest manner. One question asked was how did two people, resident only 40 days, get their names on the voters' list? Clerk John Crawford said "the residence clause in this township is 60 days." "I have no knowledge of how these names were put on the voters' list." To the question "where did the voters list used at the election come from?" the reply from Mr. Crawford was, "it was made up in this office last week" "copied from the official list printed November 1, to which no names have been added with my knowledge." Mr. Crawford stated further that there are 824 names on this voters' list for this school section. His staff are not infallible, the onus is on each citizen to find out after the voters' list is issued if his name is on it and if it is not to apply at once to the clerk's office to have it put on.

### Mistakes On Voters' List

A great many mistakes in the voters' list were pointed out. Mrs. Eva Spence has been dead for five years, another man six months or more, their names are on the list used at the school for this election. Mrs. K. Weston purchased the last of Mr. Kurt Laskilla's property four years ago. Mr. Laskilla's name is still on the list.

### Council has no authority

Speaking to the delegation Reeve Ian McLaughlin said "council had no jurisdiction, your request for an appeal must be made to the department of education." It was pointed out to council that the school act says, the school inspector is the one who decides whether or not there were any irregularities in a school election. One ratepayer stated that Mr. O. M. Mac-

Killop did not act the part of a disinterested spectator. Clerk Crawford said that a copy of the request for an appeal should be sent to the department of education. It was pointed out to council as well that a ballot, that never should have left the hands of the returning officer was Mr. Fred fully preserved as evidence of these alleged irregularities. The returning officer was Mrs. Fred Lynn, a member of the school board. Two members of the delegation stated that to their own knowledge names were added to the list at the election complained of. Asked if they were willing to state this on an affidavit the reply was "we are." It was also brought out before council, that the fact that these names were added would perhaps not have been disputed if the chairman and the inspector had not refused to allow other property owners whose names were not on the list to be vouched for.

Mr. E. L. McCarron was the chairman and Mr. O. M. MacKillop was the inspector present. Another complaint was that Mr. Thos. Hill was stopped from entering the voting booth with these words, "You have been behind that sheet three times now, how many votes do you think you have?" The explanation given was that he was voting for people who could not write English. No declaration to this effect had been made.

### Other Business

A letter sent to the Dept. of Highways requested permission to amend by-law No. 1369 to agree with expenditures as they occurred during 1952. To credit culvert maintenance account by unrequired \$5000. To credit new machinery account by unrequired \$5000. To debit road maintenance account by \$10,000.

### Sheep Claims

\$20.00 was paid to Charles Derrine for one sheep killed November 13 by dogs.

### Year End Bills

Total bills passed amounted to \$4,919.45. This included annual stipend paid to the Reeve and Councillors, the allowance to members of the planning board, which has been raised from \$5.00 to \$7.00 a meeting. The Reeve is paid \$450.00 and the councillors \$350.00 a year for their services to the municipality. Township solicitor Mr. J. D. Lucas was paid \$533.28. Margison and Babcock, engineers, received \$881.26.

Road bills presented, including salaries from December 1-15 amounted to \$3,353.63.

### Road Supt. Reports

Mr. Ernest Davis, road superintendent stated that after the last meeting when the report that Mr. Frank Mitchell still was not satisfied with the ditches on the north Lake Wilcox Road was discussed, he and Mr. Bardwell the township engineer paid a visit to Mr. Mitchell and explained to him what has been done and what it is proposed to do. Mr. Mitchell apparently was satisfied with the explanation given. Since that time further complaints have been received from Mr. Mitchell. Reeve Ian McLaughlin stated that Mr. Mitchell had been worrying council for over two years about these ditches and that all further complaints from him were to be referred to the engineers. "They are being paid to settle these problems."

Councillor E. L. McCarron, out of town on business was not present at this meeting.

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## Richmond Hill Approves

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### Senior Matric. Exams

In the senior matriculation exams last year out of 183 papers written there was a 78% overall pass. The provincial average was 82%.

Mrs. Hill suggested that it might be a good idea to have a member of council sit in at the board's budget meeting to see the difficulties the board is up against. "We feel keenly about all this expense and the money we have to ask council for but there are all these boys and girls to be educated and the adults seem to be becoming more education conscious as is evident in the numbers attending night school classes (140-150)."

"Don't you charge those new Canadians for their classes?" asked councillor Middleton.

"I think it's \$5. a term," answered Mrs. Hill.

"It's peanuts," replied councillor Middleton and then asked Mrs. Hill if he was in order to ask her the exact location of the new property in Thornhill which the board was considering buying for a new school site.

Mrs. Hill replied "At our last meeting an offer was made for a certain parcel of land in the Thornhill area. The Department recommended not buying less than 10 acres and not more than 13."

"Is there any truth in the quote in the recent issue of the Liberal that \$40,000 was offered for this land," asked Deputy-Reeve Tomlin.

"I couldn't say for sure," answered Mrs. Hill. "there is a different amount given every time I hear it."

"Why not build a wing on the present school," asked Deputy-Reeve Tomlin.

"A wing would accommodate only a few, and we chose Thornhill as a site because it was the centre of greatest population. We therefore would be cutting down on transportation costs," she said. "I travelled to school on a street car. I paid my own transportation," said councillor Rice. "Does the school board have to pay for all this transportation?"

"We get a grant back, some 50% for transportation," Mrs. Hill replied.

"From reading the write-up in the paper it would seem that the board was conducting its business in rather an off-hand manner," said councillor Rice. "There was an indication in the account of the meeting of a frivolous attitude towards the deficit which would indicate a budget wasn't treated seriously."

"Do you consider it sound budgeting," asked Deputy-Reeve Tomlin. "to set aside \$5,000 in the budget and not use it for what it is budgeted?" It seems the board is not as economically minded as it should be to include such an amount in its budget in such a heavy tax year. Do you feel yourself,

Mrs. Hill, that the board is applying the rules of economy?" "I certainly do," replied Mrs. Hill. "We talk and talk about how we can cut down on our budget."

"We're becoming a nation of handouts," said councillor Middleton.

"In regards to the press," said Reeve Taylor, "we feel the press has done a good job and it is their duty to report to the ratepayers what every public body is doing. We feel since it is the public's money we and other bodies are spending the press should sit at every meeting and be able to report the facts that go on at these meetings to keep the public informed on just what is going on. What was said at the recent meeting of the High School board sort of gives the press a black eye, and we would like to know the exact feelings of the board towards having the press at its meetings."

"The board has no objection to the press," replied Mrs. Hill. "There are, however, some personnel matters that I feel should not be discussed openly." Mrs. Hill then thanked council for giving her the privilege of serving on the High School Board, stating she enjoyed the work and tried to do her best for the interests of everyone concerned.



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Constables Robbins and Farmer, who inaugurated the workshop are high in praise of the skillful work of the volunteers, both teen-age and adult, who have made this project so successful.

Donations of money from individuals have also been received in the past few days and these have ensured that all material necessary to complete the work will be available, so that Santa will be able to visit every good little boy and girl in this district on Christmas Eve.

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I appeal to Ontario citizens to overcome these added hazards by greater care and common sense when walking or driving.

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**25 DECEMBER**

**1 JANUARY**

*Leo D. Rowley*  
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