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**Teachers From Three Townships Meet**  
**Outlines Plan For Unit Promotions For Schools**

Almost 100 teachers and student teachers, representing the one and two-roomed schools in Markham, Vaughan and King townships, gathered at Jefferson Public School on Tuesday afternoon, to hear and discuss a new procedure regarding promotion and its problems, as outlined by Mr. Maynard Hallman, Inspector of Public Schools for York 9.

**Inspect Jefferson School**  
 Miss Audrey Leary, principal of Jefferson School and Miss M. Creasy, Junior room teacher conducted the guests on an inspection tour of the modern two-roomed school. Not only were the visitors interested in the up-to-date fixtures of the school, itself but also in the very fine work on display which was done by the junior and senior pupils.

Following the tour, the meeting came to order and Inspector Hallman officially welcomed the visitors before beginning his address.

**Purpose Of Meeting**  
 Inspector Hallman said that the meeting had been called to discuss fully the problem of promotion.

He expressed concern regarding the "slow" child and the "bright" child.

The "normal" child who moves through the grades in an orderly fashion, completing the work of his grade for that year and who is ready for promotion into the next grade by June of each year, travels more or less smoothly along the path laid out for him and causes very little worry to his teachers or himself.

"However," Mr. Hallman said, "there are fewer 'normal' children than the average parent imagines."

**Two Alternatives**  
 Speaking of the child who does not make a grade by the end of a given period of time, Inspector Hallman said, "There are two choices a teacher has to make under the system of promotion now in existence."

"1. The teacher can promote the child, in spite of his handicap. But he has not mastered the foundation he needs for future new work."

"2. The second choice is to let the child remain in the same grade for another year, when he repeats all the work done the year before, even though he had mastered a large part of this work."

"The problem with the latter choice is, having once failed, he may fail again. Failure doesn't help a child. It either makes him more determined to succeed, or else he gives up trying."

On the other hand, the gifted child covers the work set out for him in less time than the calendar requires. Chained intellectually to his desk for several months when he is ready to move on, the child may undergo a trying time trying to fill in time, yet still appearing to be busy at his work.

Finally, such a child may skip a grade and may almost miss passing marks in the higher grade because he lacks the foundation he skipped in the promotion. "This," declared Mr. Hallman, "is wrong. The picture is not right."

**Principles Of Unit Promotion**  
 Asking his listeners what they thought should be done about these two examples Mr. Hallman then outlined his plan for "Basic Principles for Class-rooms Organized for Unit Promotion."

He explained that the use of levels, such as A, B and C, in each grade would wipe out the trouble caused by premature promotion, failure and keeping a youngster in a grade when he is ready for promotion. Then Inspector Hallman gave the following outline as a solution.

"When a child isn't ready to pass in June, he should be allowed to complete his educational progress for Grade One the next year also taking as much of Grade Two work as possible and continuing on in this fashion until he has caught up with his fellow school mates. He is not a failure, he just takes longer."

As for the above average child, he should be promoted according to his ability. He should pass into a higher level, master it, passing on to the next level. He won't miss any fundamentals and he will be a happier and a more interested pupil.

The present disturbing factor of our promotion system is, we are trying to fit all children into the same pattern," he continued.

"Under this new scheme the clever child arrives a year sooner or without gaps in his education and promotion is awarded when ready, at any time of the year."

The slow learner arrives a year later but under the new plan he goes at his own pace and finishes school with the proper foundation in learning.

The evidence is, that the grade system is becoming obsolete."

**Discussion Period**  
 Inspector Hallman then called for a frank discussion of the proposed scheme and Mrs. G. Tate, Jefferson asked if the course shouldn't be enriched rather than have the clever child ready for High School before a suitable age.

Inspector Hallman said this scheme would apply chiefly to the primary grades 1, 2 and 3 for the present but he feels that the more advanced grades must be "broadened" in intelligence rather than built up too far ahead at too early an age.

Frank Sturgess, Vellore, asked, "How would you suggest control of deviation on the part of a retarded child who cannot make the grade?" to which the inspector replied, "a child who is retarded for more than two years may be sent to a special school financed by the Government and his own school board."

The meeting then divided into two groups, one for those teachers who have grades 1 to 3 inclusive; the other for those teaching two, three or more grades.

Jos. Weare, No. 11 Markham, acted as chairman for those with grades 1-3 inclusive in one-room schools.

**Offer Suggestions**  
 The two groups then made several suggestions to the meeting.

First, oral reading may be largely replaced by questionnaires which would show if the pupil is reading with comprehension, thus cutting the time element down considerably for the teacher who can use the time gained in this way for other grades.

Second, more time should be spent on weak subjects and less time given to subjects the student is ahead on.

Concluding the meeting Inspector Hallman suggested the teachers use their own judgment regarding the number of levels in each of their grades. He also suggested the first month of the year should be spent in review and the next nine months would allow three months in each grade if desired.

He would like to see promotion when the child is ready, with the skipping of classes. He does not approve of a child being marked on the report card as a failure because he is down in one subject.

The group will meet again at a future date to discuss this plan further and although Mr. Hallman would like to see the scheme in effect as soon as possible that step was left to the discretion of the teachers, at least for the present.

Following the meeting afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Stan Leno, assistant convener of the Jefferson School Community Club, Mrs. E. A. Terry, school trustee and Mrs. John Passmore and Mrs. Dickson Miller, wives of the board members.

**Ownership Heaters Transferred**  
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**Two New Candidates**  
**Board Plans Addition To Henderson Ave. School**

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Both Trustees A. Wilkins and S. Griffiths are up for re-election this year. Although Mr. Wilkins will be a candidate again for office, indications are that Mr. Griffiths plans to retire.

**Big Business**  
 In the few short years since its formation the population of the area has grown from 750 pupils to today's 1357 pupils. In the matter of school buildings the Board has already constructed three new schools as well as additions to several existing schools. The Board's operations have now reached the realm of big business as the Trustees have seven schools under their jurisdiction and this year's budget figure is hovering around the \$195,000 mark.

**New Candidates**  
 Two new candidates have already come out for the office of trustee. Mr. S. Calvert, a resident of Highland Park and a high school teacher for the past 15 years, will, if elected, "endeavour to give our children the best education at the most reasonable cost." At present on the staff of the Forest Hill High School Mr. Calvert is a firm believer in advanced public relations between the Board and the ratepayers.

The other new candidate, Mr. A. Morrison, is also a member of the teaching profession. Mr. Morrison who resides in Thornlea has also taught for the past 15 years. At present on the staff of the Toronto Public Schools, Mr. Morrison stated, "education has been my life work and business and I feel there is a definite place on the Board of Education for a teacher."

**Four Artists To Feature In Lions Club Program**

On Monday, November 30th at 8 p.m. the second concert in the series being sponsored by the Richmond Hill Lions Club, will be presented at the Lions Hall Centre St. East, Richmond Hill. Tickets, so long as they are available, may be purchased from any member of the Richmond Hill Lions Club.

This second musicale promises an even greater variety, and the outstanding group of artists will include Pearl Palmason, violinist and assistant concert master with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra; soprano Beatrice Vanni from Czechoslovakia; and Vaolovas Verikaitis, whom many will recognize as the bass singing star of the popular C.B.C. programme, "Songs of My People." Piano solos and accompaniments will be provided by the well-known pianist Emil Babusman.

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