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### Cardinal Dedicates Oak Ridges School



Our Lady of the Annunciation school was dedicated by James Cardinal McGuigan, Sunday, September 12, at Oak Ridges.  
 The ultramodern 3-room \$55,000 school has registered 86 children since opening Tuesday. Capacity is 120. School grounds spread over four acres.  
 Built to serve Roman Catholics of Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox area, the school is in the St. Mary's Richmond Hill parish of Rev. Frederick McGinn, who with Ross Tierney, board chairman, and Henry Natale and Alphonse Gibault, members, organized the building drive.  
 Msgr. H. J. Callaghan, chairman of the Metropolitan separate school board, and Msgr. John Ingolsby attended the ceremony.  
 The brick structure is on Bond Ave., south of King sideroad. Mother Sheila of Loretto Abbey is principal and Mrs. A. Wright and Miss Mary Farrell are other members of the teaching staff.  
 Shown above are Msgr. Ingolsby, James Cardinal McGuigan, and Father McGinn at the school.  
 — Photo by Lagerquist

### Land Trade To Benefit New Thornhill High Sch.

W. E. Gladding and Jos. Wain, representing the North York Farmers' Market appeared before Markham Township Council on Monday evening and agreed to a land trade to benefit both themselves and the new high school being erected at Thornhill.  
 At the present time the township is in possession of a small block of land adjacent to the Market and held for park purposes, but unsuitable for this use. The Market folks would like to obtain this stretch of property for parking facilities. In turn they are in possession of land which the high school board would like to make use of for road purposes to the high school.  
 Reeve A. LeMasurier put before council the proposal that the municipality should sell their park land for \$1 to the Farmers' Market, if in return this group would agree to sell for road purposes their land for \$1. The land to be used for road purposes is 1.10. The reeve also stated that the township solicitor J. D. Lucas had agreed to approach the Minister of Planning who would have to be consulted in such an arrangement.  
 To the reeve's suggestion both council and farm deputation agreed.  
 Mr. Gladding stated that the farmers had been accused of attempting to stall the building of the new school and he stated that such an impression was entirely false and that the only wish of the Market Association was to help, not to hinder.

### Five 4-H Garden Clubs Hold Achievement Day

The 4-H Girls' Garden Clubs of York County closed their year's programme on Saturday, September 4, when they held their Achievement Day in the Department of Agriculture office.  
 The Board Room soon bore a striking resemblance to a wayside market as the 24 members from five clubs set up their exhibits of vegetables and flowers from their gardens and thereafter each girl spent a busy morning with a programme of judging vegetables and answering a garden quiz.  
**Chose Projects**  
 The interesting afternoon programme began with comments on their special projects by members who were completing their Third year in the Garden Club. Elizabeth Barker of Buttonville, Rose Marie Kennedy of Nobleton, and Betty Glover of Victoria Square had all chosen strawberry growing as their project and reported on their success and interest in this undertaking. Betty Snider of Victoria Square chose to experiment with yellow tomatoes and Doris Goode of Queensville planted an asparagus bed.  
 An outstanding third year project was that of Evelyn McTaggart of Nobleton who grew 11 varieties of tomatoes and kept an accurate account of each plant with records of ripening dates and sizes and numbers of the tomatoes.  
**Presentations**  
 Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, County Home Economist, was in charge of the day and gave leadership with regard to the judging classes, exhibits, skits, as well as record books and gardens. Greetings were brought from Women's Institutes of the County by Mrs. E. Reddick of King and Mrs. Bradwell of Buttonville, these ladies also assisting in the presentation of certificates, pins and spoons. One silver coffee spoon was presented to each girl successfully completing her project. Certificates of Achievement for two projects completed went to Elizabeth Barker, Elizabeth Coulter, Lois Williams, Rose Marie Kennedy, Rhea Hamilton, Evelyn McTaggart, Doris Goode, Jane Whitfield and Betty Glover. County Honours, consisting of certificate and pin and awarded for six 4-H Homemaking Club units, were received by Elizabeth Barker of Buttonville and Rose Marie Kennedy of Nobleton. Evelyn Macneaney of Nobleton will receive the North Toronto Kiwanis Club Scholarship which will entitle her to a 10-day course in Horticulture at the O.A.C., Guelph.

### Area Bd. Transportation Costs

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 walk to their school at Langstaff, one bus will then be available for an extra trip to Charles Howitt.  
 The Board made this move following a report from Mr. Smith that the bus servicing the Langstaff area was overloaded. Mr. Smith pointed out that almost all of the approximately 300 Langstaff pupils took advantage of the bus service.  
 Trustee Jackson Taylor suggested they put the pressure on to push the completion of the new Bayview Avenue school, and when this school is completed, "I think we can chop school bus costs in half," he said. A letter was received from Vaughan Township stating its approval of the \$2,000 debenture issue for the new school. Markham Township has yet to be heard from on the matter.  
 Dr. A. W. R. Doan said he felt the Board would not get the department's approval on the transportation costs, thus forcing the Board to foot the entire bill, without benefit of grants. Trustee Stewart Calvert suggested a letter might be sent to parents, pointing out the emergency situation, and "stating certain age limits must walk to school until more room is available."  
 "How many letters have we sent to the parents already," asked Mr. Taylor. "Public relations has a limit. This isn't the parents' fault. It's caused by the great influx into our area. We really can't improve the situation until the new school and the new additions have been built."  
 The finalizing of a discussion regarding the basement room at Thornhill to prepare for pupil increase, as well as the hiring of a teacher for this classroom, was held until the trustees meet again. Mr. Smith reported that there are at present in the Thornhill school area 28 homes under construction and that the overall pupil average per classroom for Thornhill is 38, compared to the Area average of 33. Trustee Calvert moved that action be taken immediately to remedy this condition, stating, "it is better to organize classes now than later in the year. I can't see how a teacher can do a good job with 40 pupils in the classroom. I know from my own experience." The Board, however, decided to hold the matter for next meeting's discussion.  
 It was pointed out the noon hour bus service was not running as smoothly as it might and the matter was left to be discussed in detail by principals. The great majority of children unless for some special reason, now go home for lunch, following a recent decision of the Board to have uniform school hours throughout the area.  
 "I'm in favour of getting away from this baby sitting idea," said Trustee Taylor, "which the teachers today have to put up with, and I feel the teachers need their noon hour relaxation just like the rest of us. Sending the children home at noon is a good plan."

### Whitchurch Concerned Over Aurora Annexation Plans For 250 Acres

Whitchurch Council has expressed concern over the annexation proceedings which are being started by the town of Aurora to obtain approximately 250 acres of agricultural land from the township of Whitchurch. At last Saturday's regular meeting the annexation was one of the main topics of discussion.  
 Chairman Lorne Evans of the Whitchurch Planning Board met with Council to discuss the matter. Mr. Evans asked if Aurora had consulted the Council on the matter and also wondered if the 18 residents concerned had been approached to determine their feelings on the matter. It was pointed out that Aurora might be well advised to develop some 600 acres of undeveloped land it has at present before seeking more.  
 Council J. Crawford told Council he had been contacted some weeks before regarding the assessment and population figures but had heard nothing further on the matter.  
 "If this Council is not in favor of relinquishing the land, then I suggest that a committee be set up to combat it," said Mr. Evans. "I feel that this area of good farm land is not ready for subdivision yet," he added.  
 Commenting on a press headline stating that annexation proceedings are being taken, Council expressed some concern. "When Newmarket and Stouffville wish to annex portions of the township, they first approached this council, but Aurora just announces that they are preparing preliminary annexation by-laws without going into the matter with us," commented the Councilor. Deputy Reeve Timbers moved that the Property Committee investigate the matter.  
**Industry**  
 A short discussion took place on the securing of industry for Whitchurch Township and the availability of industrial sites along the main line to the west which runs through Whitchurch. Owners of land along this railway are anxious to subdivide.  
**School Problems**  
 In a letter to Council, Trustees of S. S. No. 2 at Vandorf expressed alarm at the reports of two new subdivisions to contain about 60 homes in the Vandorf School Section. The Trustees questioned what provision was to be made for increased school accommodation. With approval having been given some time ago, these properties are now being developed and school accommodation is becoming a problem.  
 Council discussed the possibility that a \$300-per-lot subdivision charge might be the solution but a system of assessment which will carry the load in levying the subdivision should proceed slowly. One Councilor cited the case where dwellings are sublet to several families but where only a single tax is paid. This he said, was an undue hardship on the school and on other ratepayers.  
**Tax Burden**  
 Mr. C. M. Vandervoort on behalf of himself and other summer residents of Lake Wilcox presented a letter to council in which he stated that summer residents would have to consider going elsewhere if some relief on costs of maintaining services on roads and supplying schools for year-round residents was not forthcoming. He suggested that year-round residents should be taxed enough for the services they require. He also suggested that people creating cabins and collecting rents for them should be charged a business tax. The township solicitor, E. J. Lucas, asked for his opinion on the suggestion, that he did not think the township could impose a business tax on rented properties.  
**Measured Assessment**  
 Discussing measured assessment, Clerk J. Crawford stated that the measured assessment "yard stick" used by county assessors in the Township showed an equal farm assessment with Whitchurch assessor, but that as-

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