

**Says Trustee Tamblin**

**Buy School Site While Land Is Still Available**

Trustee Robert Tamblin of the Richmond Hill District High School Board made a suggestion at last Wednesday's meeting which, while it appears a bit startling at first, displays a keen sense of future planning. Trustee Tamblin recommended that a committee be set up to investigate a site for a new school in the Woodbridge area.

Explaining his theory, he pointed out that this school would probably not be needed for at least another five years, but added that he felt that it would be wise to have a site ready when the school was needed. "We have been 18 months on the proposed school at Thornhill already and we have neither the land nor an entry at present in addition to the fact that the school building itself has been held up. We don't want to go through this again," said Mr. Tamblin. He added that with the present increasing population it was not premature to start thinking of future needs, suggesting that a survey could be made to find the centre of population and an option taken on some land before developments cause the land values to rocket and before good sites are taken.

Trustee Wilfred Dean noted that the Board of Education in North York township has five sites picked for future expansion. Trustee Harry Sayers suggested that Trustees James Maw, Robert Watson and Roy Blake who are all from the western side of the township assisted by Principal A. S. Elson form a committee to investigate the matter. \$300 Fee

During the discussion of general school costs, the Trustees expressed concern over the dis-

tribution of the \$300 per lot charge being made to subdividers by many municipalities in the area. The Board felt that the money should be collected by the municipalities for school purposes for redistribution to schools in the area where the subdividing occurs. (In the majority of municipalities where this charge has been levied, municipal councils have expressedly stated that this levy is not necessarily for school purposes but is added to the general levy for all types of municipal expenditures.)

**School Trustees Ask Council Help In Road Problem**

Chairman James Pollard of the Public School Board and Trustee Stan Tinker waited on Richmond Hill council Monday night and asked assistance in solving the problem of the highway approach to the new Public School.

The new school now under construction is located in Vaughan township and a roadway some 280 feet in length leading to the school was decided to the township of Vaughan. It was assumed that the township would grade and gravel the road, but the delegation stated Vaughan has refused to do anything to the road. "We have to have a road, and we are here to ask your help and advice," said Mr. Pollard. "We can't build the road or we'd be trespassing on Vaughan property," he said.

Reeve Taylor and Deputy-reeve Tomlin agreed to discuss the problem with Vaughan township.

**Discuss Free Noon Hours For Teachers**

**Sick Leave Benefits For Teachers Insurance For Children Planned By Hill Public School Board**

Richmond Hill Public School Board will strive for a 50/50 sharing of costs with parents for a new insurance set-up which is pending, and which will benefit the children. Chairman James Pollard stated at the board meeting last Thursday night.

The school board now pays the first doctor bill, at a cost of about \$60.00 yearly under the present insurance coverage, but the new policy is expected to cover medical, hospital, ambulance and doctor bills up to a total sum of \$100.

Mr. J. R. Herrington presented two policies to the Board for their consideration. The first one from Continental Casualty covered just about every eventuality from accidental loss of teeth to broken bones and loss of limbs. This blanket policy gives protection up to \$2,000., but would cost \$2.00 per student.

The second policy, from British American Assurance, is a blanket policy for 75 per cent enrollment at the public school and provides coverage for doctor, ambulance and hospital bills up to \$100 and would cost 60¢ per pupil, per school year. Chairman Pollard said, "This is more what we have in mind". Trustee Tinker commenting, "We must have 100 per cent coverage of the school and I suggest a letter go to the parents to see how they feel about participating."

A member of the Home and School Association who was present, stated that the association would like to help in bringing the importance of the question before the parents. He also suggested a \$100, deductible policy be looked into. Mr. Tinker modified this to \$10, deductible, saying it would be more practical.

Mr. Herrington will make further inquiries and the board will call a special meeting this week to discuss further findings.

**New Subdivisions**

Two subdivision plans, received from the Department of Education for selection of potential school sites, were presented by secretary Jim Grainger. (Note: One is near Rumble Ave., and the village boundary line, the other north of Richmond Acres) covering 44 and 55 lots respectively, but the board felt they were too small to be of any use as school sites. Five per cent is the allotment for school needs.

The school board already has six acres on Markham Road and plans another school near the Elgin Sideroad in the distant future. Mr. Pollard also commented, Alencourt will give 10 acres for a school site and the board will go ahead and plan for a new school as soon as we get the deed. This subdivision is pending the approval of council now," he said.

Speaking of Lucas St., Mr. Pollard said, "The board will have to make application re hydro along Lucas St.," and "What can we

do to get on with the road? Let's go to the council next Monday night and ask them what they are going to do."

Trustee Dick Mills stated that "Lack of schools and good roads is keeping industry out of Richmond Hill" and deplored the condition of roads, in particular, Lucas St.

About 20 accounts were approved for payment, among them being a bill for \$110., including material and labor, to replace glass lights broken at the school.

**New Assistant Caretaker**

Referring to Mr. R. W. Hanna, new assistant caretaker at the school, Principal W. Scott stated, "We are all well pleased with Mr. Hanna. He is doing an excellent job."

Mr. Hanna was hired on a month's trial, at a salary of \$40. weekly on his own suggestion. The present caretaker receives \$200 yearly.

The board unanimously approved Trustee Mills' motion that Mr. Hanna's yearly salary be set at \$2,300 per annum.

**Poppy Day Collection**

Trustee Margaret Southwell said several mothers had "phoned about the children taking home poppies for sale. She stated the mothers don't like their children taking home as many as 10 poppies and going from door to door to sell them, and suggested that one or two poppies should be enough."

Mr. Scott said the maximum number of poppies was set at five and the teachers were instructed to give out this number. It was suggested that some of the younger children be given only two each in future.

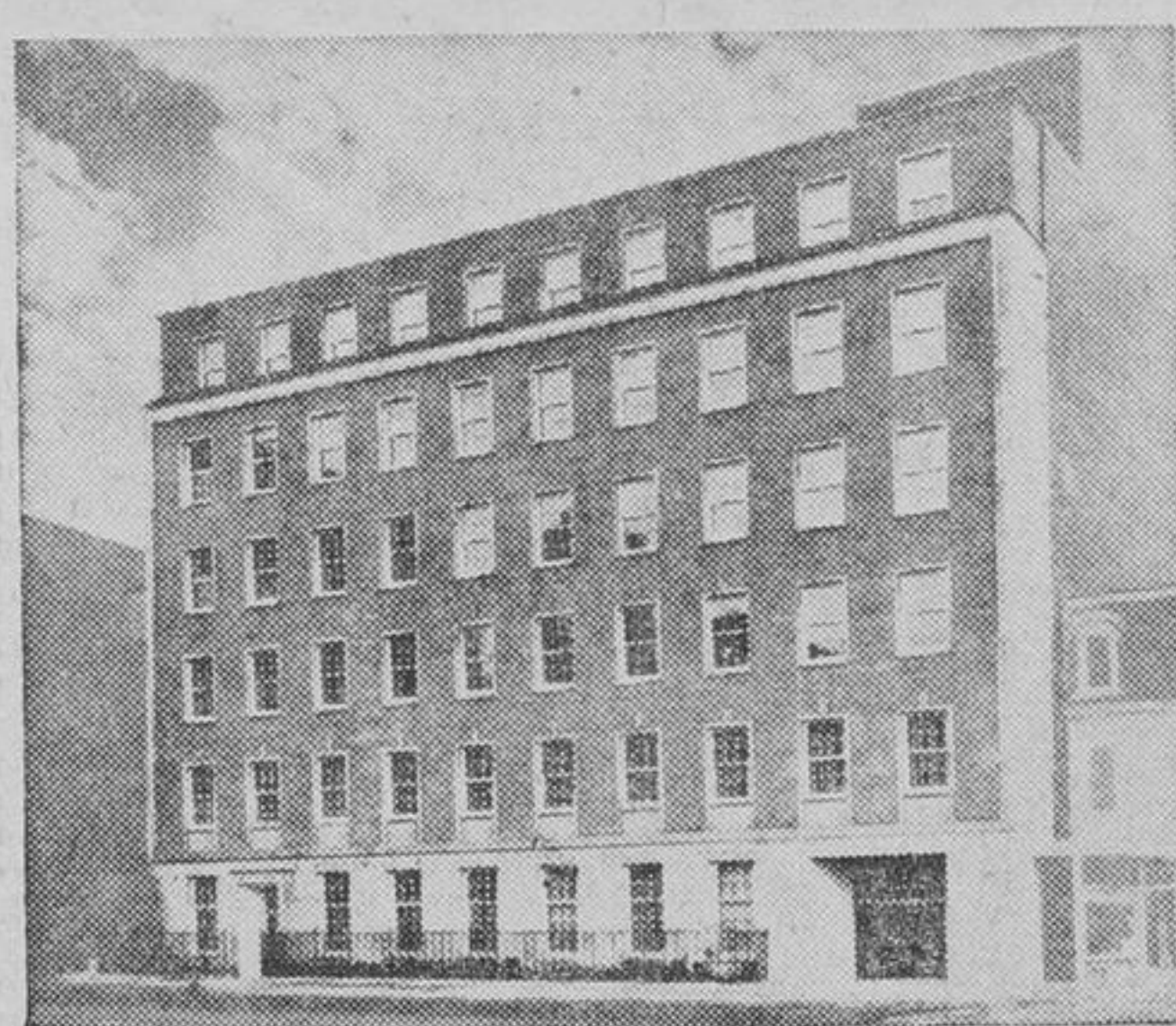
**Advertise For Teacher**

The school board will act at once to advertise for a new teacher to replace Mrs. Howard, teacher, who has informed the board she has to go home to help on the farm in May and June. The new teacher sought will commence teaching duties at the school the first of the new year.

**Discuss Noon Lunch**

Mr. Scott said he would like to see more consideration shown by the teachers, by parents living within the immediate vicinity of the school. Children within easy walking distance of the school should go home for lunch rather than carrying it with them to school, he said. Teachers are needed to supervise during the lunch period, when they should have a relaxation period, Mr. Scott stated.

Mr. Pollard said the board will arrange for a meeting with the teachers, possibly the first week in December, to discuss various problems and also to get their reaction on an Accumulative Sick Leave Plan, such as that now being used by the Scarborough township school board, for as Trustee Tinker said, "The board is in favour of making the staff happy in their working conditions."



A significant indication of the growth of the Canadian economy occurred with the opening of the new Head Office Building of Household Finance Corporation of Canada. This building is situated on Bloor Street, in Toronto, in the heart of the newly developed commercial area where the new head office buildings of Manufacturing Life, Confederation Life, Crown Life and The Continental Casualty are located.

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**Report On Repairs To Damaged Bridges - Roads**

A month after the destructive arrival of Hurricane Hazel, Markham township Engineer J. Howard reported to Council Monday on the extent of the work completed to date on the bridges and roads either damaged or destroyed by the storm.

Destruction left in the wake of the Hurricane included 12 damaged bridges and 8 large road washouts. The resulting bridge losses forced the closing of 20 township roads.

**Bridge Repairs**

Turning first to the matter of bridges Mr. Howard stated that the four smallest structures will be replaced with large steel pipes. Three of the smallest bridges have already been replaced while work on the remaining one will be completed this week.

Three of the remaining strands lost in the storm will be replaced with Bailey bridges. Two of these Bailey bridges are already in operation.

Two other structures although critically damaged are still able to carry light loads. Temporary repair work is progressing on the Deacon Bridge on the Mount Joy Sideroad, and permanent repair work on the strand located on the Cashel sideroad.

The only other damaged bridge is on the Markham-North York townline and North York has agreed to look after it.

**Only Five Roads Remain Closed**

The eight serious washouts have already been properly backfilled and opened to traffic. Out of the original 20 roads which were blocked only five remain closed.

Continuing Mr. Howard pointed out that it will be necessary to rebuild a total of 11 bridges and culverts. Two of these will be joint projects with neighboring municipalities. Another five can be termed major projects and are the sole responsibility of Markham.

**Two Bridges Fall After Storm**

Two bridges failed two days after the storm while another failed just a week ago. In each case the foundation had become undermined by excess water.

In accepting the report Council thanked the Road Committee (Deputy-Reeve W. Clark and Councillor Mrs. K. James) and Mr. Howard for their earnest efforts to get the township roads back in shape following the destruction wrought by Hurricane Hazel.

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**High School Site Negotiations**

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time element has been extended to such a point that if the deeds for the right of way cannot be obtained soon, expropriation proceedings will have to be registered to secure entry to the site.

**Meet Market Board**

Trustee Tamblin, also of the Building Committee, reported on negotiations with the Farmers' Market in an attempt to secure an entry to the school site from both Elgin St. and Clarke Ave. He said that he had approached the Farmers Board to ask them to donate a right-of-way as a good-will gesture, but they were not interested. He then approached them with the assurance that the Markham Township Planning Board would permit the revision of the lot plan to permit additional lots to be sold on this roadway thus materially benefitting the Market, in addition to providing access for extra parking. Mr. Tamblin said that this proposition seemed to interest the market group until they discovered that there would be a charge for the costs in revising the plan of lots.

Trustee Wilfred Dean pointed out that in all these negotiations, the cost of the school is rapidly increasing and added that winter building will add a heavier burden.

**Teachers' Contracts**

In conformation with the new teachers' contract forms issued by the Department of Education, the Board has instructed that new contracts on the newly prescribed forms must be completed by the staff.

**Transportation**

A letter from the Board of Alliston High School asked the local Trustees to pass a motion to be sent to the Ontario Legislature asking that all motor vehicles be forced to stop by law when approaching a school bus which is discharging or picking up students. The Board referred the matter to the Transportation Committee.

The tender for 150 tons of stoker coal was awarded to I. D. Ramer at \$14.80 per ton. There were two tenders submitted.

**School Name**

Trustee Dean read a letter from a citizen of Richmond Hill suggesting that the High School District name be changed to The First York County High School District and that the name Richmond Hill High School be reverted to for the local school. The Trustees received the suggestion quite favourably but the final decision has been shelved until the December meeting. Trustee Harvey Collard reiterated his statement of an earlier meeting saying that he felt that one Board was not entitled to change the name. "Next year's Board may want to change it back again", he said.

The Board voted to send a letter of appreciation to Gordon Mortson for accommodating nearly 20 students at his home during recent hurricane when they were unable to reach home by school bus. The letter will be accompanied by a \$25 honorarium.

The Board decided to accept the customary payment of \$5 per meeting for 12 meetings plus mileage and expenses. During the year, particularly since plans for the new school have been formulated, the Trustees have given wholeheartedly of their time and energies, in many cases at personal expense.

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**Two School Area 1 Members Will Not Seek Re-Election**

Two present members of School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan have signified their intentions to not seek re-election for another two-year term of office. At Tuesday's election rally sponsored by the joint ratepayers of Ward I and held in the Henderson Ave. School, indications were that neither Board Chairman Keith Richan or Trustee Mel. Roy will seek a further term.

Mr. Richan, a resident of Thornlea has served on the board for the past four years, while Mr. Roy, a resident of Langstaff, was first elected in 1952. The other member of the present board up for re-election is Trustee Jackson Taylor of Richvale. Mr. Taylor, a veteran member of the board, has served as vice-chairman for the past few years.

Three new aspirants for the office of trustee include Mrs. G. L. Armstrong, a housewife residing on Crestwood Road. Mrs. Armstrong, a mother of two boys has taken an active interest in the Home and Schol movement and the School for Retarded Children.

The second new candidate is Mr. J. M. Coghill, a resident of Richvale for the past 34 years. Mr. Coghill has taken an active interest in community affairs and presently holds the office of president of the Association for Retarded Children.

The third new candidate is Mr. A. Morrison, who resides in Thornlea. A public school teacher by profession, he was also nominated last year, but declined to stand.

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