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Ross Kerwin New Trustee At Jefferson Public School

Polling 34 votes to Bert Phelps 5, Ross Kerwin of Elgin Mills, was elected to a three-year term for U.S.S. No. 21 Vaughan and No. 4 Markham at the annual Jefferson Public School ratepayers meeting Wednesday night of last week.

Mr. Kerwin succeeds John Passmore who terminated a six-year period of office on the school board.

During the general discussion which preceded the election Jim Markin stated he was not satisfied with the way notice of ratepayers' meetings was given and said, "I want a post-card sent to every ratepayer regarding meetings."

At the present time every school child is given an official notice to take home to the parents and secretary Norman Burnett posts three notices in various public places as well as running an advertisement in the Liberal. Mr. Markin said there were many ratepayers on the back concession who should have a say in school affairs and he thought a notice through the mail would bring them out to the meetings.

John Passmore told the meeting that the system of mailing notices had been carried out on two previous occasions but had been discontinued, adding, "We didn't get any more response than we do under the present system. However, since there has been such an increase in the population in this district, I would like to see it tried again."

Mrs. Mary Terry, chairman of the Board, then presented the Financial Statement dated Dec. 20, 1954, which showed:

Bal. on hand, Dec. 31, 1953	\$4199.65
Prov. of Ont., grant	7877.56
Vaughan Twp.	4876.60
Markham Twp.	1583.50
Jefferson School Comm. Club	30.24
Pupils' Insurance	21.25
Old Building	7.00
Old Stoves \$8.00 charge	
Total Receipts	\$18595.80

New Appointment



Proceeding to the election of a new trustee to replace John Passmore, Mrs. Terry said, "We are very sorry Mr. Passmore is resigning. He has been on the school board for the past six years and a big vote of thanks is due to him for all his fine work for the school and the ratepayers."

Called upon to make a final speech, Mr. Passmore said he well remembered the night six years ago when he had been elected. There were about 12 ratepayers present, the customary number in those days, and he was a little dubious about taking office as he had never served on a school board previously.

But the six years which have been crammed with the problems of building a new school to replace the old one built 90 years ago have apparently proved both interesting and stimulating, for in spite of Mr. Passmore's statement that, "Scarcely a day will go by that something has not got to be settled when building a new school", he closed by stating, "I can honestly say I am leaving the board with a great deal of regret", and he assured the continuing members of the board that if he could help them in any way he would be glad to do so.

Jack Hall then nominated Ross Kerwin as the new trustee for 1955 to 1958 and F. Day nominated Bert Phelps.

Following the counting of ballots by scrutineers Darrell Goulding and Wm. Bell. It was announced by the chairman that the new trustee, Ross Kerwin had won his office with 34 votes to his opponent's 5.

ELGIN MILLS - JEFFERSON NEWS

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Sunday School Party
 St. John's Sunday School held its annual Christmas party in the parish hall on Wednesday evening of last week. Children and grownups alike enjoyed the lovely play which was written and directed by Capt. Ross Pendergast. Following the program refreshments were served and Santa Claus presented each child with a bag of Christmas treats.

New Year's Celebrations
 Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Readhead of Summit Farms entertained a number of friends at a New Year's Eve party.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Haviland, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Leno, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barry and Norman Burnett.

The "old year" was spent in a game of progressive euchre with Mrs. Dodson and Jack Barry winning prizes for highest scores. The "new year" came in to the singing of Auld Lang Syne as everyone enjoyed the buffet supper.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Jackson, Mariday Farms, included Miss Eileen Jackson, Parry Sound, and Robert Girvan, of Kingston, Jamaica.

Miss Carl Shaw, Thornhill and Mr. A. K. Ellison, King, enjoyed New Year's dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dick.

Greetings
 Best wishes for a happy birthday to Julie Ensor, who will be 12 years old, Monday, January 10.

Belated greetings to Johnny Duncan who celebrated his first birthday, December 21.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Taggart who observed their second wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve.

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

CORRESPONDENT: Mrs. W. Sandt, Victoria Square
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Birthday greetings: Mr. Jacob Williams on January 6; to David Noble, who will be one year old on Jan. 10; and to Miss Lillian Nichols, whose birthday is Jan. 12. Belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Harvey Colard for January 1.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Meryl Morris (nee Ruth Caseley) and family in the sudden passing of a loving husband and father.

Messrs. Ronald Gee and Denton Brunwell are spending this week attending the short course at the O.A.C., Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Huggins and family of Taunton, spent New Year's Day with Mrs. A. Frisby and Richard.

Mrs. Ella Ratcliffe and Mr. Angus of Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forson and family of Ringwood, Mr. R. E. Sanderson and Miss Mabel Sanderson spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Boynton.

Miss Stephanie Starkey, Toronto; Mr. Ivan Crompton, Penetang; Mr. Joseph Eden, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Nichols, Miss Vera Nichols, Mr. Wilfred Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gee and family, Mr. Douglas McWhirter and Mr. Nelson Buchanan spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols and family.

New Year's Day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Willows were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ridley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Attwood and family, all of Whitty, Mrs. H. Attwood of Uxbridge, Miss Greta Lieffers, Mr. Elke Costinga, Oshawa, Mrs. B. Plews, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett and Ray and Miss Rosemary March, and Mrs. Ida Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gill of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley DePoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mortson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mortson, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tyndall and family spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stong at Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barrett and family, Mrs. J. Lunau, Mrs. R. Perkins and Coral spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pickering and family.

Sr. Women's Institute
 The regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Square Sr. Women's Institute will be held in the Victoria Square Community Hall, Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, at 8 p.m. Each member is asked to bring a small piece of china or pottery. A representative from the T. Eaton Co., Toronto, will give a demonstration on "Table Decorations and Arrangement of China." Miss Betty Huston will be guest soloist. All the ladies in the community are invited to attend.

Church News
 The annual meeting of the Victoria Square United Church will be held in the Sunday School

RICHVALE NEWS

CORRESPONDENT: MRS. R. F. PAUL
 TU. 4-2800

School News
 Both Charles Howitt and Richvale schools are pleased to say that their pupils had an accident free holiday. However measles, mumps and whooping cough are prevalent. Opening day saw nearly 20% of the pupils of Richvale school away because of illness. The staff would like to remind parents that any child under 12 should be kept away from school if there is whooping cough in the house. The number of children away is affecting the progress of all pupils and contacts should be kept home to give the others a chance to keep free from illness.

Guides and Brownies
 The 1st Richvale Guide Co. held its opening meeting Jan. 4 and the 2nd Richvale will commence meetings on Jan. 11. The Brownie Pack is in full swing again and Brown Owl welcomes all girls who will be 8 by Easter to enroll. Meetings are held on Wed. nights at Richvale school 6:45 to 8:15.

Cubs
 Thursday, Jan. 6 is the night when all cubs are asked to bring their fathers to the meeting at 7 p.m. Richvale School. After the cubbing there will be a general meeting and Mr. J. Moorehead hopes to have a speaker from York Central to outline activities to the fathers.

Chas. Howitt Rec. Assoc.
 The skating rink at Charles Howitt school is in operation and the members of the association wish the children to know that they are all welcome to skate there, whether they attend Charles Howitt school or Richvale school.

Social Notes
 Congratulations to Mrs. Robt. Bagley on winning the Grey Persion Lamb coat valued at \$1000, in the Willowdale businessmen's Christmas party.

A gala New Year's Eve party was held in the Richvale Community hall by some of the local residents, and many individual parties were held throughout the community. Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ball spent New Year's Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ince to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Ince's wedding anniversary.

Robin Wood spent a week in Guelph visiting his aunt and uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Cec. Smith and David travelled to Peterborough for the New Year week-end to be guests of Mr. Smith's brother.

Billy Baskerville, formerly of Richvale, now living in Fort Erie paid a visit to the community and stayed with his aunt, Mrs. LeClare. Mrs. Baskerville and her family were in Georgetown for Christmas.

Mrs. E. Jolly from Quebec is visiting her daughter, Mrs. McIntosh, Bich Ave.

Mr. Gordon Hodgson of Port Arthur was a New Year visitor at the home of his nephew, Mr. Gordon Smith, Spruce Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. E. King were hosts to Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. J. Gallie from Sudbury.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. R. Miller and Sheila, who have whooping cough.

Other visitors over the week-end were Miss Diane Copeland at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Peck; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kiddie at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Markle; Mrs. Oliver at her daughter's, Mrs. H. Jarman.

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