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**James Pollard Begins His 8th Year As Chairman R. Hill School Board**

Trustee James Pollard has been elected Chairman of the Richmond Hill Public School Board for his eighth straight term. Mr. Pollard the senior member of the present board was honoured with the Chairmanship at last Thursday's inaugural meeting of the 1955 Board of Trustees. This will mark Chairman Pollard's 18th year of service on the local Board of Education.

Committee appointments for the coming year are as follows: Finance, Trustees S. Tinker and Mrs. M. Southwell. Building, Trustees J. Pollard, R. Ross, D. Mills, and C. Mabley. Personnel, Trustees S. Tinker and Mrs. M. Southwell. Repairs and Maintenance, Trustees J. Pollard and C. Mabley.

In a new departure this year the members have set up a purchasing committee to direct and control all purchases of school supplies. It is expected that the Board will set aside space in one of the new schools for storage purposes. Members of this committee are Trustees R. Ross and D. Mills.

**1954 Financial Statement**  
 A completed financial statement tabled during the meeting shows that the Board finished its 1954 operations with a balance of \$1,655.33. Major expenditures during the past 12 months included, salaries, \$73,329; School plant operation, \$11,373; School plant maintenance, \$1,156; Transportation, \$9,171; Administration, \$2,952; Capital Expenditures, \$1,370; Miscellaneous, \$16,474. Payments received included a \$52,338 local levy from the village of Richmond Hill. Grants

from the two other municipalities comprising the school section included Vaughan township—\$6,758 and Markham township—\$6,084. Total Provincial grants amounted to \$32,024.

The members are investigating an accident insurance plan for the students which costs 50 cents for \$100 coverage. Under the plan the student pays 25 cents of the yearly premium and the Board pays the remaining 25 cents. In 1954 the Board paid out \$153 in medical expenses for children hurt while at school.

**Treasurer**  
 The members have doubled the annual salary of Treasurer Bert Mabley. By unanimous consent the Trustees have granted Mr. Mabley \$300 annually. Mr. Mabley's previous salary was \$150 annually. This will mark the first salary raise he has received in the past six years.



**DON DEACON**

Mr. Don Deacon who represents the ratepayers of Ward 2 on Markham Township Council. A member of a family prominent in agricultural and investment circles this year will mark his initial entry into local politics. He resides on the Deacon Farms just north of Unionville. Councillor Deacon has been selected to serve on the Finance and Assessment, Fire and Police Committees in the coming year.

**Set Committees For Vaughan**

The following members of Vaughan Township Council will act as chairmen of the various municipal departments for the year 1955: Roads, Reeve Marshall McMurchy; Police and Fire, Deputy Albert Rutherford; Planning and Building, Councillor William Agar; Assessing and Property, Councillor James Reid; Finance and Welfare on Councillor Frank Belcher. All committee chairmen remain the same as last year with the exception of new Councillor Frank Belcher who takes over the portfolio held by 1954 Councillor Ken Doyle.

The following appointments have also been made by the council. Robert Watson was re-appointed to the Richmond Hill District High School Board for another 3 years. Planning Board appointments were George Lake, Thornhill, reappointed for three years and Councillor Wm. Agar re-appointed for one year.

**PICKERING:** Township Council plans to use unemployed persons in the township in a drive to clean up the Rouge River, Petticoat Creek and Duffin's Creek.

**Family Awakened As Auto Crashes Into Elgin Mills House**

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Anderson of Elgin Mills thought they were in the middle of an earthquake at 2:20 a.m. last Sunday, when a car driven by Donald Blake, 25, of Holland Landing, skidded off the west laneway of Highway 11 and ended up practically in their kitchen.

Blake who had fallen asleep at the wheel of his car, escaped with only minor cuts and bruises, after skidding across Harry Pridham's driveway, dodging a post and several trees. He awoke as the car completely sheared off the Anderson's verandah and smashed right into the kitchen wall, moving the two-story house back six inches from its foundations.

Trapped in the car until rescuers pried him loose Mr. Blake was given first aid by police. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson suffered shock from the unexpected calamity which befell them but escaped injury. They were asleep in an upstairs bedroom at the time.

A watch was put on the house until 5:30 that morning as it was thought that the collision might cause the collapse of the whole structure. Insurance investigators told Mr. and Mrs. Anderson that only one room of the house was habitable. Reconstruction work will begin as soon as possible.

**ELGIN MILLS - JEFFERSON NEWS**

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**Sympathy**

This community joins the family and associates of the late Francis Alexander Legge in mourning his passing.

**Services at St. John's**

The 1st Jefferson Cubs and Brownies turned out in good strength for the church parade held at St. John's Anglican Church last Sunday morning. The Rev. D. C. H. Michell, chaplain for the 1st Jefferson Group, delivered a most inspiring message to his youthful listeners and told them that if they acted as a sea captain under "secret orders" does; they would put their lives completely under the command of Jesus and trust Him to lead them safely along the way of life.

This Sunday, January 23rd at 11:15 a.m. St. John's will observe Theological Sunday, with the children of the Sunday School taking part in the service.

The annual vestry meeting of St. John's will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, at 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of the church.

**J. S. C. C. President Lends His Voice**

Carson Whalen, president and popular "caller" of the Jefferson School Community Club, did his bit to aid the National Ballet Company, by acting as a caller at the Square Dance Jamboree, held in Mutual Arena last Monday night. The purpose of the jamboree was to raise funds for the Ballet Company's coming tour.

**46th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated**

Sixteen members of the Robertson family gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. (Hal) Robertson last Sunday, for a buffet supper in honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Robertson, Toronto, who observed their 46th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 15, 1955.

Among those present were their two sons and two daughters and six grandchildren, one grandson, Arthur E. Robertson of Whitby was unable to attend. On hand to tender their affectionate good wishes for continued happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Arthur Robertson and daughter Gail, of Whitby; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Robertson and children, Mabel Louise, David and John; Mrs. Mabel Alexander of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Holland Marr and Children, Heather, Tommy and their three week's old baby, formerly of Nanticoke, now of Toronto.

**Attend Dinner at Guelph**

Mr. G. B. Beatty, Mr. Wm. Harper and Mr. Florence attended the Aberdeen Angus dinner held at the Royal Hotel, Guelph, last Friday afternoon.

**School Board Inaugural Meeting**

The Jefferson School Board met with Murray Brown, architect, in the teacher's room of the school last week to discuss the

plans for the two-roomed addition being planned for the school. Ross Kerwin, new member on the board this year, was present and showed a keen interest in school affairs, particularly the materials to be used in the construction work.

Both Mr. Kerwin and Stanley Leno have a good knowledge of building supply needs.

There was some discussion about dogs running at large in the school grounds and the board decided that Mrs. Mary Terry should get in touch with the owners of the dogs and ask for their co-operation before taking further steps.

The board also decided to obtain the services of a supply teacher for one day, to relieve Miss Audrey Leary, principal, so that Miss Leary could supervise the Junior and intermediate rooms.

**Personal Notes**

Mickey Pick's friends were sorry to hear he suffered a broken ankle on Monday of last week and will be in a cast for five or six weeks.

Mrs. Dickson Miller is progressing favourably but it will be some time yet before she can get out and around without assistance.

Miss Ronnie Beatty of Drynoch Farms has returned to school in Montreal after spending the holiday season with her family.

**Social Evening**

Ladies, remember to keep Wednesday evening, January 26 open for a social gathering at the home of Mrs. Ross Kerwin. This is the first monthly meeting in the new year for the ladies of the Jefferson School community Club and a good attendance is anticipated.

**J. Killackey Chairman**

Separate Sch. Bd.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's Separate Schools was held on Tuesday night, January 11, in the School to elect officers for the coming year. Mr. James Killackey was elected Chairman, for the second year and Miss Marjorie Murphy was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The regular monthly meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month at 8:30 p.m. in the Separate School.

**VAUGHAN BY-LAWS**

At a recent meeting Council passed a by-law to raise by loan the sum of \$35,000 for the proposed new two-room addition to the Jefferson Public School. Another by-law authorized the borrowing of \$4,000 for finishing the addition to the Concord Public School.

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