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Schools In Limelight

March 6 to March 13 has been set aside this year for the observation of Education Week. During this week the spotlight will be turned upon the schools right across Canada.

There is every reason why Education Week should arouse complete national interest. As the slogan states, "Education is Everybody's Business". It certainly is.

Diogenes is reported to have once proclaimed: "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." That statement is no less true today than when it was made so many years ago. To put it another way, education is the investment which the Canadian citizen of today makes in the Canadian citizen of tomorrow.

There are two things which every wise investor will do. He will carefully consider the size of his investment and examine the returns it will bring him. But he doesn't stop there. He keeps a continuous watch to make sure that his premium does not rise out of proportion to the return it gives. In other words, he makes sure that his money is employed in such a way as to give him the best value.

Therein lies the object of Education Week — to allow the investors in Canadian education, the Canadian people themselves, to see how their investment is being used. The costs of education are continually rising. School enrolment is increasing by leaps and bounds. Education Week is the educators' "open house." It shows the owners of the schools how their business is being run.

The number of points of view on

what is required from schools must surely be almost as great as that of our adult population. Everybody has his or her own ideas on the subject.

They range from the extreme of those who think the school ought to concentrate entirely on the fundamentals of learning and leave citizenship and culture to the home and church to the other extreme of those who feel that the school should mould the character of the child and that academic knowledge is greatly overrated anyway.

On one point all are agreed. The education of our youth, whether for learning or character, is essential to the continuance of our national life. It is a poor citizen who can turn his back on education and leave it to the other lot.

Education Week is sponsored by some dozen national bodies. But these sponsoring bodies, together with the education authorities, the committees which right across the country have been working on community programs, all these can do no more than put on the show. They cannot fill the auditorium.

It is up to the people of Canada to find out for themselves what is being done with their money and to their children. It is up to them to learn the problems of our education system — the serious shortage of teachers and equally serious, though highly encouraging, superabundance of pupils.

Everybody has a financial stake in the schools of today. Everybody has a national responsibility towards Canada's citizens of tomorrow. Education is Everybody's Business!

Churches Keeping Pace

It's encouraging to note that church growth throughout the district is keeping pace with the rapid physical changes which are occurring with such regularity.

In addition to numerous rumors two United Churches in this area have already announced extensive building programs designed to enlarge the facilities available to the members of their faith. The Thornhill church is planning a completely new building while at Maple the congregation will erect an addition to the present building.

The churches of the various faiths have played an important role in the life of all our communities. From ear-

liest days they have administered to the spiritual well-being of our people.

It is imperative that the spiritual part of our lives keep pace with the rapid strides being made in the field of material and technological endeavours. The Christian way of life is the key to man's future growth. Thus we must bend every effort to assist our churches in their building plans.

Unfortunately there is a tendency in today's modern society to overlook the individual's responsibility of church membership. A busy rushing life should in no way preclude a sincere effort to support the growth of our churches.

Seat Tax Exemption Extended To 1960 By Ontario Government

Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan Townships were notified this week by the TTC Commission that the Department of Highways has agreed to continue exemption of the seat tax agreement, which expired January 1 of this year, for another five year period to 1960. The three municipalities, as owners of the North Yonge Bus Line had earlier requested the Commission to continue the exemption. With this agreement, a saving of \$6,000 for each of the municipalities concerned has been effected.

When the operation of the radial railway between Toronto and Richmond Hill was discontinued and replaced by buses, the Department of Highways acquired the ground formerly occupied by the radial railway, and as part of the negotiations, agreed that for a five year period from 1950 to forego the seat tax of 1/20 cent per bus mile which is charged all bus operations operated on provincial highways.

In the same year, the T.T.C. agreed at the request of the four municipalities, which then owned the line, (Richmond Hill, Markham, Vaughan and North York Townships) to operate a bus line to Richmond Hill for a

period of 10 years until 1960. With the advent of the Metropolitan Area, North York Township is no longer party to the agreement and the T.T.C. took over North York's share of the line.

The official petition requesting provincial approval, was signed by W. Russell, chairman of the T.T.C. and Reeves W. J. Taylor, Richmond Hill, Alfred LeMasurier, Markham Township and Marshall McMurchy, Vaughan Township.

DANGER FROM THE PAST
 Canada, with good reason, now looks a little complacently on today's statistics regarding contagious diseases. Yet it would take only one infected person to spread any of the more serious communicable diseases such as diphtheria, whooping cough or smallpox among the children in a community unless those children have been immunized against such diseases. The methods of prevention are so simple, so painless and so effective that every child should be given this protection, which is available in almost all parts of Canada, free of charge.

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In Lake Wilcox Area May Shift School Population To Ease Transportation Costs

A shift in school population from School Section 7 and 6 to S.S. 13, all in the Lake Wilcox area, was discussed on Thursday night before Whitechurch Township Council by members of the three trustee boards. Chief reason for the change is to save transportation costs. This transportation is presently being provided by taxi and private car, some having to make as many as three trips a day. Some children quite close to the schools of section 6 and 7 are having to travel several miles to No. 13 school. About fifty children are involved.

S. S. No. 13 school is presently erecting a new addition costing \$110,000 and a change will have to be made in the plans to accommodate two more rooms. Members of all boards agreed on Thursday night to change and final approval will now be sought from the Inspector as well as approval for the additional rooms required at S. S. No. 13.

A somewhat similar situation was discussed by council concerning about seventeen children attending the Ballantre school but who are rightfully the property of the Lemonville section and their school taxes go to this 7th con. school. Council agreed that the Boards of the two schools should meet and arrange for an adjustment to be made in the tax arrangement and the children continue attending the Ballantre School which is closest. About \$4,800 in assessment is involved in this change.

Pass School By-Laws
 A by-law authorizing the borrowing of \$110,000 in debentures for the school addition to S. S. No. 13 was given third reading and a by-law for \$25,000 for an addition to the Ringwood school was given first and second reading.

Seek Church Building
 Dr. Urquhart of Aurora and several other interested United Church workers visited Council seeking permission to move a pre-fab church building from Ajax to Lake Wilcox and erect there as temporary quarters until such time as a new church can be financed. The council was advised that there were some one hundred members present meeting each Sunday and that this number was expected to

There was an unusual adjournment of the House Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock when Members and Senators gathered in the Commons Chamber to hear tributes paid to the late Miss Agnes Macphail, the first woman ever to take her seat as a Member of the Canadian Parliament.

Close relatives of Miss Macphail occupied seats of honor and after the tributes her two sisters, Mrs. Meridith Reany and Mrs. Hugh Bailey proceeded to the Parliamentary corridor and officially unveiled the memorial bronze bust.

It was an impressive and deserved tribute to the crusading champion of many worthy causes, who one time school teacher, who at the country in her career taught near Sharon in North York.

On March 8, 1922, Agnes Campbell Macphail took her seat as the first woman elected to the House of Commons. She served here until 1940 as the representative from the riding of Grey-Bruce. She was defeated in the 1940 election by a young Markdale lawyer, Walter Harris, who today is Canada's Minister of Finance.

After Agnes Macphail's death on February 13, 1954, suggestions from members of all political parties that suitable memorial should be erected here for the Canadian school-teacher who contributed so notably toward the early endeavours of Canadian women to establish their place in Canadian political life.

The battle for the Federal franchise for women, first introduced into Parliament in 1833 was only successfully terminated when the Dominion By-elections Act of 1919 decreed that any British subject, "male or female", of the full age of 21 years could be a candidate for election to the House of Commons.

Of the four greatly-daring women who campaigned for seats in the following election of 1921, Agnes Macphail was the sole survivor at the polls, and from the time of her swearing-in she held her own as a doughty debater and a formid-

able champion of the causes to which her life was devoted.

As a daughter of the farm, the member for Grey-Bruce was primarily concerned with the improvement of living standards in rural communities and more efficient marketing of agricultural products. Her active part in the organizing of co-operative plants took her abroad to study the more advanced methods of Scandinavia and other European countries. As a former school-teacher, the extension of education, too, was a project dear to her heart, and her work along these lines in her own riding will be long and gratefully remembered.

Penitentiary reform was another objective for which Agnes Macphail was a crusader. It was largely through her efforts that a royal commission to study the Canadian penal system was appointed by Parliament in 1936.

She organized the Elizabeth Fry Society in Toronto in 1952, following similar groups in Vancouver, Kingston, and Ottawa working for the rehabilitation of women convicts on their release from prison. The Agnes Macphail Memorial Scholarship Fund, set up by the Toronto society, has already raised \$2,000 of its \$5,000 objective, and the resulting scholarships to be established for social work in Canadian schools will be a fitting tribute to one who worked indefatigably to improve the lot of less fortunate women.

After defeat in 1940 Miss Macphail, although disappointed and entered provincial politics and for a term represented the riding of East York as a C.C.F. Member.

Agnes Macphail richly deserved the Memorial unveiled here this week. More important still, however, she made a lasting impression on the political life of Canada and while her views were often different to ours we are glad to join in tribute to a Canadian school teacher who served well not only the woman but all the people of Canada.

Local Institutes Attend Govt. Course On Program Planning

Representatives of the Thornhill and Richmond Hill Women's Institutes participated with members of the Mark Vaun Women's Institute Langstaff at their Extension Service Course on "Program Planning" held on Wednesday, March 2nd, at the home of Mrs. R. McArthur, Yongeview Avenue, Langstaff. These courses are a service

provided by the Dept. of Agriculture, Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, to all institutes in Ontario. The course, Program Planning, is a one-day course and lecturer was Mrs. E. Armstrong, of Newmarket.

Although the course applied mainly to Women's Institute work, many of the suggestions were applicable to any group or organization.

The essentials of a good meeting stressed were: 1. A regular meeting date which should never be changed unless the reason is very important. 2. A pre-arranged program; 3. Start on time; 4. Close on time; 5. Follow Parliamentary procedure. Several reasons suggested why people stay away from meetings were, boredom, long wandering discussions, unable to hear, unfriendliness.

With reference to Women's Institutes, each meeting should have a balance of the Educational, the Practical and Social. The aims of the program should be to raise the standard of thinking, study the needs of the community, keep a record of hobbies, etc. strive for understanding and tolerance, keep abreast of education study the United Nations organizations dealing with underprivileged countries such as F.A.O., N.A.T.O., U.N.E.S.C.O., and to develop individuality.

Suggestions were made on "How to keep the business period short," "How to obtain new members," "How much time should be spent on minutes, reports, etc.," "Sample programs on various topics".

Mrs. D. Morrison, president of the Mark-Vaun W.I. thanked Mrs. Armstrong on behalf of those present.

Bloomington Residents Ask 30 Mile Limit On 9th Con.

Residents of Bloomington on the 9th concession are considerably concerned over alleged fast-driving by trucks which travel this road in large numbers and by a fully signed petition requested Whitechurch Township Council on Thursday night to limit the speed there to 30 miles an hour. A deputation waited on council some time ago, alarmed over possible danger to the school children, many of whom must cross this road.

On Thursday night council instructed the clerk to prepare a by-law to invoke the 30-mile limit. The by-law must go to the Dept. of Highways for final approval and council expressed the opinion that it was doubtful if the Department would sanction the speed limit as the requirements for a built-up area in such cases, could not be met. Asst. Assessor Resigns
 Ronald Smith, assistant assessor for the Township resigned his

position on Thursday night. Mr. Smith has taken a position with Pickering Township at an increased salary. A new employee will be sought immediately for the position since the township is presently engaged in setting up a measured assessment system.

Appeals Second Time
 On behalf of E. C. Lansing, Wilcox Lake ratepayer, L. C. Lee, solicitor, of Aurora, requested that council refund taxes on Mr. Lansing's property which, it was claimed, was not used during the entire period of 1954. The assessment on this partially completed dwelling is \$1,200 and Court of Revision turned down Mr. Lansing's appeal for any reduction at their last sitting in the fall. The Township Court of Revision will be called to sit again shortly to determine what action if any, will be taken in the case.

Referred To Municipal Bd.

As Markham township and Markham village have been unable to reach an agreement on the boundary for Markham village's proposed annexation of a large area of township land adjacent to the village the matter has been referred back to the Municipal Board for a ruling.

At the initial Municipal Board hearing held several months ago the Board after receiving briefs from both the village and the township gave the municipalities until the end of February to reach an agreement on the area to be annexed.

A recommendation by the Metropolitan Planning Board that annexation be limited to an area covered by Union School Section No. 15 failed to gain the acceptance of the village authorities. Insistence by the village that they be allowed an extra 10 acres to protect their water supply was unacceptable to the township.

Plan New Store At Elgin Mills

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pridham of Elgin Mills met with Vaughan Township Council last Monday to discuss the building of a proposed new I.G.A. Foodliner store at Elgin Mills. Mr. Pridham has been a member of the I.G.A. group for several years. The proposed store is to be erected on Yonge Street, just north of the present I.G.A. store.

Plans for the \$50,000 store call for a modern self-serve shopping centre with a large parking area. Mr. Pridham told Council that as soon as plans are completed work on the new store will commence.

Village Water Rates Revised

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 date. Council pointed out that a request for the parking meters should first come from the business men of the village before council would take action.

"When we decide to have meters we should tender for them," said Deputy-Reeve Tomlin. "Meters are as good an answer as any to the parking problem."
 "Until we get a petition from the business men, it's not up to us to say what the merchants want," said Councillor Jones. "Parking meters have to be supervised," said Councillor Middleton. "The police say they are already overworked, they've got no time for crossing guard duty. They're too busy now but meters would mean an extra duty. I say no."

"I'm in favour of meters if the merchants ask for them," said Councillor Perkins.
Asks For Car Mileage
 Building Inspector Jack Hollowell has requested car mileage and council discussed the request, withholding decision until a later meeting.
New Canadian Class
 Mrs. Dorothy Williamson, with her advanced class of New Canadians, who are studying English and the Canadian system of government, were present at the meeting to study the work of municipal government. Reeve Taylor introduced the class to each member of council and invited them to sit in on their meetings at any time. Six nationalities were represented in the class.

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