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1700 Enrolment

Many Changes As Public Schools Open In Sept.

Within a few short days, children all across the Dominion will be dragging their feet reluctantly as they enter the fall school term...

A great many pupils will find that they have new classmates for the coming year for the school population of the area has been increasing at the rate of 20% per year...

The increase in school population, schools and classrooms has also necessitated an increase in staff. There are now 57 teachers on the staff...

Two special classrooms have been opened in the Thornhill school to serve the entire school area and accommodate pupils having academic problems.

Another change of staff is the hiring of Mrs. C. Bernside, who replaces Donald MacTavish, the former area psychologist.

Mr. David Smith, Supervising Principal of the School area, remarked that the increased growth has forced them all to think years ahead.

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Fined \$50 For Breach Fire By-Law

Mr. P. Traverer, a resident of R. R. 2, West Hill, was fined \$50, and costs when he appeared in Magistrate's Court, Newmarket, last Friday charged with the breach of a municipal by-law in the burning of a field of straw last July 31.

Police report that attempts by Mr. Traverer to burn the field resulted in the fire blazing out of control and threatening neighbouring properties.

The investigation was handled and charges laid by the Markham township police.

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Temporary Measure Until Third School Completed

Board Reverts Staggered System Yonge Scott Pupils

With the news received Monday night that only six of the 12 rooms of Walter Scott Public School on Markham Road will be completed by September 15, trustees of Richmond Hill Public School Board are facing a great problem regarding provision of accommodation and transportation.

Working on the assumption that the new school will be completely finished by the middle of October, the Board, at a special meeting Monday night found it compulsory to revert back to the staggered system of classes for the pupils assigned to the Yonge Street and Walter Scott schools.

Trustees also agreed to the transportation of all children living east of the railway tracks, on Markham Road within the period of staggered classes, and recommended that those children living west of the tracks walk to school via Roseview Avenue to the Yonge Street school.

Registration for kindergarten will take place at the O.M. MacKillop and the Yonge Street Schools after 10 a.m.

The following is the schedule for pupils who have been assigned to the Walter Scott School and who will register at the Yonge Street School at 1:30 p.m. on September 6.

Pupils assigned to Grade 1, teacher Mrs. Haworth report Room 10 Pupils assigned to Grade 1, teacher Mrs. Rumble, report Room 9

Pupils assigned to Grade 2, teacher Miss Shaw, report Room 6 Pupils assigned to Grade 2, teacher Miss Gee, report Room 7

Pupils assigned to Grade 3, teacher Mrs. Styrmo, report Room 5 Pupils assigned to Grade 3, teacher Mrs. Kidd, report basement

Pupils assigned to Grade 4, teacher Mrs. McWhirter, report room 4 Pupils assigned to Grade 4, teacher Mrs. Duncan, report room 5

Pupils assigned to Grade 5, teacher Miss Garnham, report room 8 Pupils assigned to Grade 6, teacher Mr. Wheeler, report room 3

Pupils assigned to Grade 7, teacher Mr. Seaman, report to room 2 Pupils assigned to Grade 8, teacher Mr. Davison, report to room 1

Chairman Issues Statement never walked any great distance to school. They are only 5 to 10 minutes walk from the Yonge St. school, and they now have to walk three-quarters of a mile (the fathers have timed it from Church and Markham) on a busy thorough road with gravel trucks, mixer trucks, etc., that now go out Markham Road. The railway tracks worry us with no wig-wag for protection.

The severe winter weather (zero days) is a great concern to us as these little children do not walk as fast as the older ones. Therefore these children will be kept at home when it is cold and rainy which will be hard on their schooling.

We would appreciate the School Board talking over this very serious situation which is indeed a great worry to us all on this side of Markham Road. (Continued on page 3)

Children assigned to the Yonge and Scott schools will, at present, attend school for one-half day. Those assigned to the Yonge Street school will attend the Yonge Street school in the mornings, from 8 a.m. until 12:15 noon, and those children assigned to the Scott school will attend the Yonge Street school in the afternoons, from 12:30 noon until 4:30 p.m.

Industrial Commission

For the past two years President of Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce, Morley E. Williams, 155 Richmond Street, recently accepted an appointment as a member of a five-man Industrial Commission organized by council.

Mr. Williams, who operates the Sunoco Service Station at the corner of Yonge and Richmond, suggested that the Commission should steer away from inviting seasonal industry, which often proves to be a hazard.

He also hoped that everyone would take the industry issues and spread the news around of Richmond Hill's possibilities. He was not overly optimistic regarding the speed with which industry could be attracted to settle here, stating cases where negotiations have been carried on for over a year with no final outcome.

Mr. Williams emphasized the importance of the commercial growth as well. He said he appreciated the opportunity to do his bit to help the village and added that he would do his utmost to justify his appointment to the Commission.

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Arrange Meeting On Cemetery Crossing

Markham township council will shortly arrange a meeting between its Planning Board and the Director of Cemeteries for the Mount Hope Cemetery Association in an endeavour to secure permission for the children of School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan to cross the Langstaff Cemetery property while going to and from school.

Mr. Robert Clune is Director of Cemeteries for the Mount Association which body operates the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Cemetery at Langstaff.

In reply to an earlier request from Council for such permission Rev. Clune in a letter tabled on Monday stated, "That with due regard for the safety of the children it does not appear that the granting of such permission would be a reasonable and practical solution to the problem."

He stated that the back acreage of the cemetery is rented to a Mr. Bowen and "it would be unfair to him and a danger to his property and equipment if school children were allowed to trespass on the property."

Present plans call for further development of the cemetery area this fall. He also stated that no road is planned across the property.

The School Board had hoped to secure permission for children to cross the property and thus save on transportation costs.

One hundred and twenty-five 4-H Club members from all parts of York County travelled to Peterborough August 23 on their annual bus trip.

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AURORA: Well-known in Aurora and district, Stuart Edgar has joined the firm of M. A. McNeil Sales Ltd., Dodge-Dodge dealer, in Newmarket. Mr. Edgar was formerly with Northern Electric where he was employed as Merchandise Sales Supervisor.

ELMGROVE: Believed to have started from a spark from a threshing machine in operation, fire destroyed two barns on the farm of Wilbert Anderson here recently. Loss total is about \$40,000.

NEWMARKET: A start was made last week on one phase of the building of the town's new enlarged Post Office.

STOUFFVILLE: A six-year attendance record was set Sunday at the last service of a two-week evangelistic campaign which was held in the arena here. Four thousand persons attended.

More than 10,000 persons have been present during the campaign. The main speaker was Rev. James Johnson of New Town, Virginia.

NORTH YORK: Two police officers who have been suspended awaiting a hearing on conduct unbecoming a police officer have resigned.

AURORA: The big house on the hill top north of Aurora which for the past 25 years has been known as "The Sisters of St. John Farm" will change character again next month when it becomes a conference centre and retreat for members of the Anglican Church.

RINGWOOD: Vandals have been looting phones belonging to the Stouffville and Bethesda Telephone Co. both here and at Musselman's Lake.

STOUFFVILLE: During a recent electrical storm the Thomas Williamson Memorial Chapel in Stouffville was damaged.

NORTH YORK: Township police have blamed Metro for a serious 3-hour traffic jam in Hogg's Hollow last week.

Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY - Bingo held at Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 22A Yonge St., Richvale, at 8.15 p.m. tfc38

EVERY THURSDAY - Bingo sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night. tfc1

SEPTEMBER 2 - Friday. Canadian Legion, Richmond Hill, Branch 375. A corn roast in Stan Woods flat, Carrville Road West, at 8 p.m. All to meet at Legion Hall. Tickets available there. tlcw9

SEPTEMBER 5 - Monday. Canadian Legion Bowling Club Branch 375 Richmond Hill. All bowlers please note bowling meeting, September 5 in Legion Hall, Carrville Road West at 8 p.m. tlcw9

SEPTEMBER 6 - Tuesday 7.30 p.m. First regular meeting of Richvale Boy Scout Assoc. Legion Hall, Carrville Rd., Richvale. First regular meeting Cubs Tuesday, September 27, at Legion Hall, Carrville Rd. tlcw9

SEPTEMBER 6 - Tuesday. Meeting of Markham Township Council at the Municipal Offices, Unionville, at 1:30 p.m. tlcw9

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SEPTEMBER 7 - Wednesday. Maple Community & School Club first regular meeting of the term at 8 p.m. in Maple Public School. Film on Child Development. Special welcome to parents of beginners and new people in the district. tlcw9

SEPTEMBER 17 - Wednesday. The first Fall meeting of Thornhill Baptist Mission Circle. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Calvin Chambers. A warm welcome given to all ladies. tlcw9

SEPTEMBER 7 - Wednesday. The opening meeting of the Evening W.A. of Richmond Hill United Church will be held Wednesday, September 7, at 8 p.m. in the Sunday School room. Miss Myrtle Buck of the National Film Board will show sample films on the work of the Film Board and how the public may avail themselves of the opportunity to use the films. Members and friends are cordially invited. tlcw9

SEPTEMBER 9 - Friday. Harvest Dance, Glendale Pavilion, Musselman's Lake. Vince Mountford's Variety Band. Round & Square Dancing, entertainment, prizes. Gents 75c; Ladies 50c. tlcw9

SEPTEMBER 10 - Saturday. King-Vaughan Softball League Dance in Maple Community Hall. Dancing 8.30 to 12. Everybody welcome. Admission \$1.00 per person. *2w9

SEPTEMBER 11 - Sunday. Anniversary Services to be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Vaughan. Rev. J. C. McLelland, D.D. of Bolton, will be the speaker. St. Paul's choir will lead the service of praise at 11 a.m. and Gordon McGilivray's Male Choir at 7.30 p.m. *2w9

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Province To Keep Jail Property

Any hopes Markham township had of securing the 700 acre jail farm located at Langstaff for development purposes were temporarily dashed Monday when Council received a brief letter from the Provincial Minister of Health MacKinnon Phillips, in which he stated that the government intends to continue using the property as a mental hospital.

Mr. Phillips added that for the present the province has no plans for its final disposition.

For some time now Markham township has been endeavouring to secure the property for badly needed industrial development.

Repeated inquiries to the City of Toronto who are the real owners of the property and the Province who took it over during the War have brought little or no success.

Whitchurch Pop. Jumps To 6,000

The Whitchurch Township Council at its meeting revealed that the population of the township as compiled for the purpose of receiving the unconditional grant from the Provincial Government, had reached the figure of 6,021. This compares with the figure for the year 1954, which was 5,618. The increase is just over 7% above last year's.

The unconditional grant amounts to \$10,536.75, based on a rate of \$1.75 per person resident in the township. These figures are now compiled by the township assessors, who have lately taken on this added duty.

O.P.P. Leaves Thornhill

The Thornhill detachment of the O.P.P. have moved out of their headquarters in the Anstey building on Tuesday. Negotiations, which have been under way for the last few weeks had been finalized and the long awaited move has begun.

The new location will be the old Frank Legge house on Yonge street just north of the Gormley sideroad. Their official name is now the Bond Lake Detachment.

Power Failure

A sudden rainstorm, accompanied by high winds broke over the area on Tuesday noon. Although the storm lasted only briefly, it left a lot of water on the ground and caused a break in the power supply in Richmond Hill.

Hydro officials reported the power break was general but only temporary. However it was almost a couple of hours later before the power supply was back to normal again, causing considerable inconvenience to many homes and businesses.

Well Baby Clinic

The Well Baby Clinic for Richmond Hill area will be held on Monday, September 12, at the Lions Hall on Centre Street east.

Sponsored by the local W. I., the clinic will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.