

STOUFFVILLE: The local Co-op has handled a sales volume of over half a million dollars this past year.

N. GWILLIMBURY: Council has learned that costs of garbage collection have jumped from \$4,000 to \$11,500.

Rich-Hill Motors Opening Gay Occasion

Opening of the new building housing the Rich-Hill Motors Limited was a gay and crowded occasion last Friday night, when many well-wishers from the community surrounding Richmond Hill enjoyed square dancing in the new show-room.

Starting at six o'clock in the evening and continuing for several hours, Tommy Thompson called many square dances for the guests, which included family groups. Refreshments were served throughout the evening from tables placed in the service department. Numerous bouquets of flowers from local merchants decorated the rooms.

A feature of the evening's enjoyment were the beautiful new 1957 Pontiacs and Buicks on display.

Names of all those attending were eligible for valuable door prizes. Mr. Cec. Gunn and Mr. Bill Turner, stated the lucky names will be drawn this week. Winners will be announced in next week's Liberal.

STOUFFVILLE: The Public School Board has decided to make do with the present building instead of purchasing a new site. Several store rooms and the shop are to be utilized.

NEWMARKET: Council is planning to protest recent recommendation by the CBC Board of Governors regarding the placing of a radio station in Richmond Hill. The council feels that the Newmarket application would be of better service to the County.

Annual Parents Night At Jefferson Public School

by Mrs. H. G. Robertson

From time to time we read protesting whimpers regarding the holding of "Parents' Night" in our public schools, the argument being that one or two nights a year does not provide enough contact between teacher-parent-pupil — and the multitudinous problems that can and do arise during the lengthy school term.

We have never agreed with this protest, possibly because we have always found our own local teachers both willing and ready to 'talk things over' with anxious parents at any time of the year, if an occasion arises and discussion is necessary for the pupil's welfare at home or school.

However, last Thursday night when we attended Parents' Night at Jefferson Public School, we realized that too much parent-teacher contact could well prove a nightmare to the already hard-working teachers — if they had Mom and Dad peering over their shoulders at odd and unexpected times, checking up to see if Dick and Jane are being taught their ABC's properly; or debating whether Dick and Jane are responding happily to said instruction. Frankly, we feel that Principal Miss Audrey Leary and her teaching staff are doing a fine job.

We also realize that the "educational system" has changed drastically — for the better and more comprehensive understanding of the student — since we attended public school, and that we are a trifle "at sea" if we try to push our D. and J. along at home. Barring our proffered help with spelling (words never change that much — and who could give them a wrong steer there!); or lending an attentive ear while our children read aloud from blue, green, red or yellow readers, we find that both child and teacher are happier without too much undue home influence on the part of the parent.

Good Attendance
However, last week, along with 68% of the other parents who have children enrolled at Jefferson school, we spent a very interesting and profitable evening. Sifting out minor or major problems, one by one, the teachers and parents sought and found firmer, as well as the most profitable ground, between teacher-child-and-parent.

New Look
Jefferson School, with the addition of its two new classrooms and activity-room, has now acquired a new look, but the "fundamental" atmosphere is even stronger than ever within its walls. And that basement-room, which may in future have to be turned into a classroom — the school rolls for 1956 show 135 pupils in attendance — is being put to good use in the meantime. Mr. Harry Hunt, senior-room teacher who came to Jefferson in September, has been instructing the children in physical training three days weekly. Mrs. C. Burns, who joined the permanent teaching staff this year, after serving as a supply teacher for the past few years, teaches singing and music appreciation to the boys and girls. Miss Leary is instructing the senior girls in domestic science.

Last Thursday night the Seniors put on a splendid demonstration, in the activity-room under Mr. Hunt's direction. Following this entertainment for parents and friends, which included various exercises, basketball technique and games combining exercise with competition, a tour was made of the various classrooms.

Meet Teachers
Here the teachers met and talked to each individual parent on the various subjects being studied by their children. The student's work and books were on display and each child was discussed by teacher and parents in a competent and interested manner.

In Miss Leary's room, where Graue One children are learning to read and print for the first time, parents saw how the theme of their reading material is carried out by word-object recognition — right down to a beautifully iced and decorated 'Cake', which first grader's find most eye-appealing; along with 'Bunny', 'Flip' and 'Betty', who are more than just words but individuals to these tiny tots. Kindergarten is not available at Jefferson School and the First Grade must of necessity include certain aspects of this pre-school approach to being taught, by combining certain "stage props" of kindergarten life, such as dolls, dishes and toys, along with the regular school work of reading and printing. All of which was on display last week, just as the children find it from day to day.

Mrs. Burns' room, for Grades 2 and 3, had some excellent drawings on display, with a great deal of talent revealed by her seven and eight year old pupils, among these being a painted drawing with the provocative yet simple title, 'Pig in a Puddle', along with a splendid Elephant and a very good study of a ship. Answering our enquiry about the wall pockets which hung below the blackboard, Mrs. Burns informed us she had brought this idea with her from Scotland. These pockets are each labelled and filled with various combinations of phonetic sound words. The children are encouraged to make use of this helpful sound-word recognition in their spare time and Mrs. Burns said it is remarkable how the constant reference to these words helps later during spelling periods.

Art Display
Grades 4 and 5 are taught by Miss I. Dennis, also a new teacher at Jefferson. The children in Miss Dennis' room had a varied and artistic display entitled 'My Picture Bible', as well as a most inclusive collection of Autumn Leaves, and a mural of Transportation in Early Times.

Mr. Harry Hunt, teacher of Grades 6, 7 and 8, feels that his senior students are keeping up a good standard of work. Featured in Mr. Hunt's room, where art has always been on a high level of intelligent thinking and construction, two themes, 'Animals and Their Homes and Remembrance Day' were featured. The various interpretations carried out by the students in paintings of Flanders — even at times combining the seriousness of the present world-situation on peace and war, were brought out remarkably by these children, many of whom are not yet in their 'teens'.

Throughout the busy evening, the school trustees, chairman Stanley Leno, Ross Kerwin and H. C. Betts, were on hand to greet the parents — while their wives performed the neighbourly service of pouring tea for the visitors in the teachers' room. We have been attending Parents' Night at Jefferson for some years now, and along with every other parent present last week, we think it was the biggest and best night to date.

Seek Site For New R. Hill High School
An option on a 15-acre site for a new high school will probably be taken by the Richmond Hill District High School Board in the immediate future. After charts showing population growth in the district were presented by Chairman of the Building Committee, Robert Tamblin, the Board Monday, following Mr. Tamblin's recommendations decided to locate the future high school for Richmond Hill east of the CNR tracks in Markham Township. The site would be within walking distance of most of the prospective students. The Board estimates the new school will be needed by 1960.

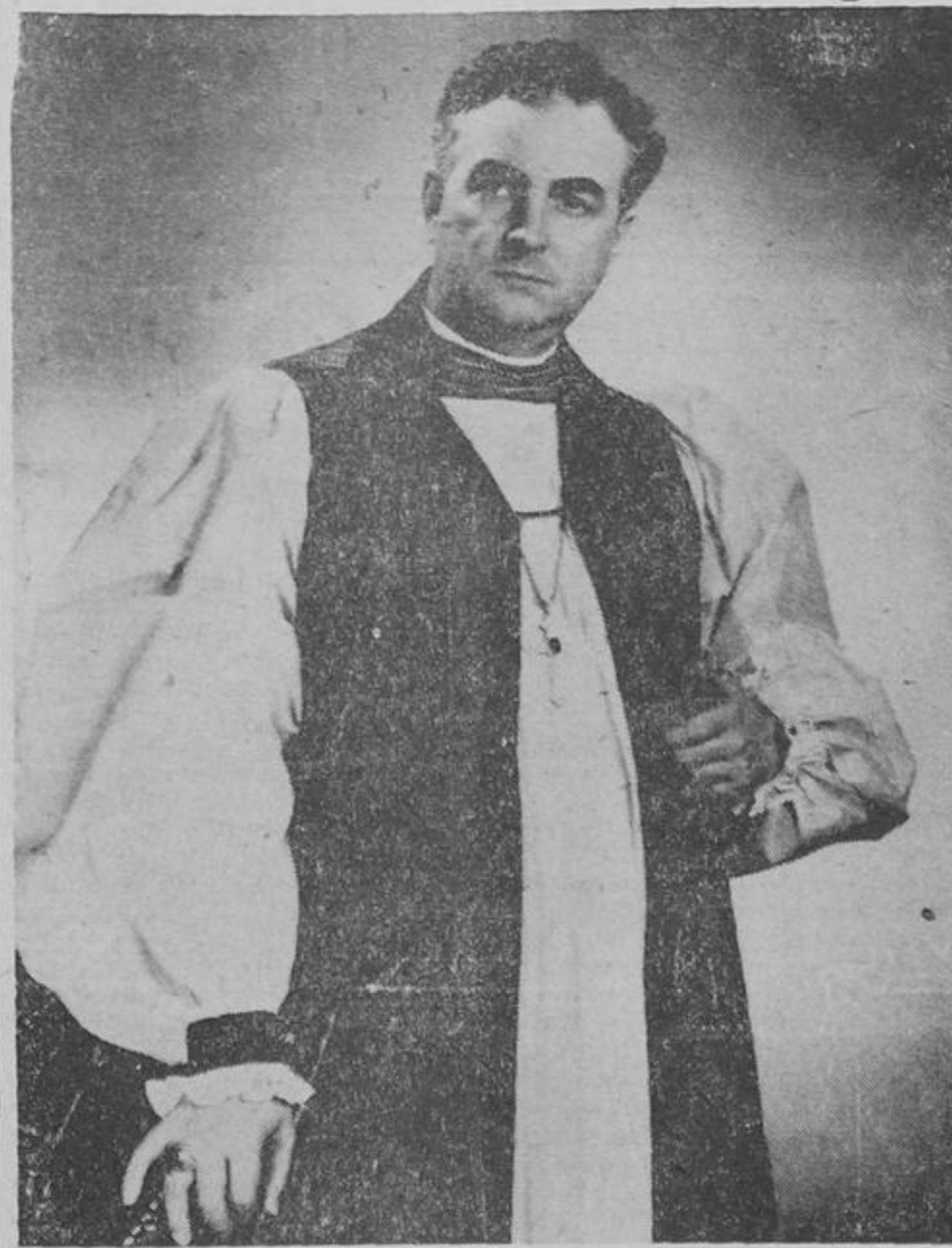
Trustee Tamblin said study showed Yonge Street not to be the true line for dividing the district as far as population is concerned, the CNR tracks are a better medium in his opinion. The present Richmond Hill High School would serve Richmond Hill west of the C.N.R. tracks down to Carrville Road over to Highway 400. The Thornhill High School, the students south of Carrville Road to Highway 400. The proposed Woodbridge High School would accommodate those students west of Highway 400 in Woodbridge and the Township of Vaughan.

Agree To Place Option
It was estimated the population figures of Richmond Hill are 2,000 west of the C.N.R. and 5,000 east of the railway. Trustee Tamblin believed other subdivisions will also be located in this direction first. The Board on motion of Trustee Tamblin, seconded by Trustee Harry Sayers, agreed to let the planning committee get a survey, investigate, and if desirable, place an option on a selected, approximate 15 acre site in Markham Township. Chairman W. R. Dean said if the school were located in Markham Township it would probably have to be put to a vote of the ratepayers.

Trustee Harry Charles said he could see no objection to such a vote being taken. He felt if the planning committee thought it the best location, the Board should use every effort to secure an option on the property. Trustee Stewart Rumble felt Markham Township would be pleased to have the school located within its boundaries. However as it was a rural municipality costs must be considered carefully. Trustee Rumble is a member of the planning committee.

King Twp. Sells Debenture Issue
King Twp. Council accepted the tender of Equitable Securities at a bid of \$95,935 on the \$80,000 debenture issue for the construction of the new municipal offices at their meeting on Monday, November 5. The assessment rate total for King township is \$6,578,460, which is divided into land assessment \$3,239,095, buildings \$3,290,015, business assessment \$29,350. Total assessment is up \$300,000 over last year. Taxes for 1957 will be calculated on this assessment.

Bishop Here Sunday



The Right Reverend G. B. Snell, M.A., D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Toronto will make his first visit to Richmond Hill on Sunday evening at 7.00 p.m. when he will officiate at the annual Confirmation Service at St. Mary's Anglican Church. A large Confirmation Class is being presented to the Bishop this year.

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by Thomas Oakley

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Thos. Oakley

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