

**Trustees
School**

Richmond Hill Postmaster, Mr. E. T. Willis, reports a considerable increase in the volume of letters, cards and parcels handled over the Christmas period compared to the amount of business during the same period in 1955.

**186,000 Two Cent
Stamps Sold
At Christmas**

In addition to extra employees, the staff worked longer hours in order to handle the heavy volume of mail. In the ten day "peak period" over 150,000 letters and cards were received and distributed, 250 bags of parcels were handled and 186,000 two cent stamps were sold.

The Post Office boxes recently installed in the Annex were offered for rental on Thursday, December 27, resulting in 800 boxes applied for by December 31st.

NEWMARKET: The contract for Newmarket's outdoor swimming pool was signed by all parties over the week-end, the total contract price being \$49,935. The pool will have an Olympic size tank, dressing rooms and shower rooms of the latest design. The provincial departments of education and health have approved the plans.

KETTLEBY: Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Black were honored at the home of their eldest son Carl, on the occasion of their golden anniversary. More than 225 persons including many prominent in municipal and provincial affairs attended the "at home."

Christmas Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Stewart Fisher are seen above with members of the wedding party at Casa Loma following their marriage in Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill on Saturday, December 29, 1956. The bride is the former Joyce Eveline Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson, Bayview Ave., Thornhill, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wood Fisher of Toronto.

Other members of the party are left: Christopher Ketchum and Barry Armstrong, ushers; William Lind, groomsmen; and left front Robert and Russell Gibson, pages. To the right of the bride and groom are Mrs. Ronald Taylor, matron of honour; Miss Lois Lewis and Miss Ellenora Fisher, bridesmaids, and Bourke Smith, Michael McKeon and William Patterson, Ushers.

— Photo by Lagerquist

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend William Askew. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an original gown of pure silk satin.

The portrait neckline was embellished with guipure lace and embroidered with opalescent sequins and pearls. The bouffant skirt fell to a cathedral train. The bridal bouquet was of white carnations and roses. The attendants wore waltz length gowns of turquoise satin and carried red roses. Following the reception the couple left for the Laurentians and Quebec City.

**Markham
Inaugural
January 7**

The inaugural meeting of the Markham Township Council will be held on Monday, January 7, at 11 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Buttenville. The municipality will have a new Chief Magistrate in the coming year with veteran legislator W. L. Clark presiding over the deliberations. Serving with Mr. Clark will be Deputy Reeve Donald Deacon, who will also be commencing his first term in that office.

Council members will include, Ward 1, Mrs. Kathleen James, Highland Park; Ward 2, Lawson Mumberson, Victoria Square, and Ward 3, Howard Cosburn, who resides on the outskirts of Markham village.

As in past years a local clergyman will take part in the opening ceremonies. Following the official part of the inaugural, Council will adjourn until the afternoon at which time the first business session of the New Year will be held.

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**Library To Expand When
Municipal Offices Finished**

Pleased to hear the Richmond Hill Library Board, new books are purchased. Last year, with membership standing at 642 adults and 584 children, the Richmond Hill Library spent around \$1,600, on approximately 700 books, financed by a grant per capita from council, based on the percentage of population in the village. A grant was also received for library use from the Department of Education, but when Richmond Hill becomes a town in the new year this grant will be smaller.

Do people who read library books show a preference for old or new authors?

Mrs. Berry thinks it is about six of one and half a dozen of the other, but such perennial favourites as Hardy and Dickens are always in demand. On the other hand Nicholas Monsarrat's, "The Cruel Sea" has been "borrowed" so frequently that three copies have been worn out to date.

Non-fiction also receives its fair showing in the circulation statistics, with over 3,000 non-fiction books going out to members yearly.

In 1945 a total of 14,471 books were stamped for lending purposes and this year your librarians have already loaned out 18,000 books. Of this number 6,961 were fiction; 3,300 non-fiction and the balance of around 7,000 books were taken out by children.

Valued at \$1,000
The oldest book on the Richmond Hill Library shelves is a carefully cherished copy entitled, "Toronto of Old, by Henry Scadding and is valued in the amount of \$1,000. This book shows a great deal of handling over the years and is to be restored in the near future. Second oldest book on hand is The History of York, which is a study on Social and Farm Life.

Mr. G. MacLaren, Chairman of the Library Board, said, "We feel the Richmond Hill Library is comparable to most large libraries. We carry current novels, same as in Toronto Public libraries and we try to keep right up to the best of them. We buy the books the people want."

Other members of the Library Board are: Mrs. Berry, secretary; Mr. Fred Hayman, nominated from council; Mrs. Floyd Perkins, nominated from council; Floyd Perkins, who represents the Reeve at library board meetings; Mrs. Roy Clifton, nominated by the Public School Board, as are Dr. G. Martin and Miss K. Ball; Mrs. Robt. Johnston and Mrs. K. Lyttle, nominated by the Separate School Board, and one other representative of the Separate School Board has yet to be appointed to replace the board member who resigned recently.

**Broken Leg
In Accident**

Fifteen year old Karen Coles of 91 Rockport Crescent is in Toronto General Hospital this week with a broken leg following an accident on December 29. She was on the way home from work in Willowdale when she was struck by a car as she alighted from another vehicle at Markham Road and Church Street. The car is reported to have been driven by a teenage boy from Richmond Hill.

Miss Coles, who is a Grade 10 student at Richmond Hill High School was operated on on Wednesday, and it is expected that she will be unable to return to school for about three months.

Jefferson Public School

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given by the Chairman, showed the receipt of \$302.00 from the Jefferson School Community Club to cover the final balance owing on the school projector given to the school by the Club. Mr. Leno also noted the Community Club's latest school project, made possible through their semi-monthly square-dances and annual bazaar, etc., will be the building of manual-training benches which are to be installed in the basement room of the school for the use of the school children under Mr. Harry Hunt's instruction.

Reading from a report received from school inspector J. A. Gibson, Mr. Leno said, in part, "Principal Audrey Leary and her teaching staff (Harry Hunt, Mrs. Burns and Miss Dennis) should be complimented for a well-supervised and well-organized school. Work habits are well established under Miss Leary's organization and I am pleased with the attitude and effort of the pupils."

Oscar Wrigglesworth, popular caretaker at Jefferson also received praise when the Inspector noted, "The school has a clean and orderly appearance, thanks to Mr. Wrigglesworth."

Yes, all in all it has been a good year for Jefferson School. And, it may be, that those ratepayers who did not turn out to exercise their franchise last Thursday night felt they could

leave school decisions safely with "the powers that be" and so bypassed election night.

But, since public board-meetings are of a necessity few and far between in rural sections, surely it is to the ratepayer's advantage to attend one meeting in a year, whether he seeks to criticize or commend his elected school trustees.

One ratepayer was so incensed with the poor attendance she framed a motion to abolish the sending of printed notices by mail, stating it was an additional expense to the school board which did not bring any results. However, the Board took no action, at least for the present, on this well-founded suggestion.

Concluding his report, Mr. Leno then called for nominations for a new trustee, stating he had enjoyed his three-year term but felt he should now have more time to devote to his family and his business. However, the ratepayers present asked him to reconsider, then moved at once to acclaim him for another term.

In accepting his acclamation, Mr. Leno stated he had really enjoyed being on the board, despite various problems which arose from time to time and which might seem inconsequential, but nevertheless took up considerable time. He thanked those present for their faith in him and pledged he would continue to do his best in serving his community.



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