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SCHOOL SECTION No. 2 - KING CITY

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 8:00 P.M.

RAYMOND BURT,

Secretary-Treasurer

Christmas Choraliers Mac Killop School High School Board Chairman Reports



Above is the Christmas scene planned and made by the pupils at the O. M. MacKillop Public School. In the background the story of the nativity is illustrated. The stained glass window was done with tempera paints on paper washed with linseed oil and was the work of Grades 7 and 8. The choir boys in the foreground were made by pupils of Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, who used wooden frames covered with wire for the bodies and papiermache for the heads of the caroliers; the choir gowns are of black and white crepe paper. Principal R. Newman said, "This effort symbolizes the true meaning of Christmas for these children."

The Christmas scene, which can be seen from the shopping centre to the east of the school, when illuminated at night, took two weeks to build. Even the outside of the church, not visible to the eye in this picture, is well finished with ivy-covered grey stone walls. Christmas carols, from a concealed loud-speaker in the rear of the display, further enhance the scene.

- Photo by Lagerquist

200,000 R. Hill Roses Released For Christmas Trade

201 100 roses left Richmond Hill greenhouses for points as far west as Winnipeg and as far east as Montreal; during the past three days for the Christmas trade. At Bedford Park Floral 50,000 roses were cut, packed and shipped by express and 'plane, while at H. J. Mills one of their biggest crops ever, 150,000 roses, was releas-

ed to retail florists. Even the extremely frigid weather of the past week caused very little concern at either greenhouse, since there was also plenty of sunshine -they just piled more coal into the huge furnaces and kept temperatures at their

usual balmy warmth, "Dear Mr. Editor"

Dear Mr. Editor:

tractor and float. After removing the oil tank, pensate for an extra day's holi-

manner the building itself be- before hearing the candidates' came a trailer which was pulled platforms. by the crane to the new site. put down as a base for cement less than that caused by not vot- amples in the Western world. blocks upon which the classroom ing at all. Exercise of the fran-

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Two Schoolrooms

from Langstaff.

rests. The building was jacked up chise whether it be judicious or so the wheels and timbers could wanton is probably the best safebe removed and gradually low- guard against atrophy by disuse. ered onto the blocks. By the use Taking your correspondent's thesof a transit, Mr. Matthews was is to its logical conclusion we able to set the building exactly might arrive at a stage where he its last meeting paid bounty on

Had this been a regular school day, the classroom would have started the removal process. these buildings are not the heaviest his company moves by any means. They are awkward how-

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19 classrooms.

sang three Christmas selections, ton and her able assistants. The keep our costs to a minimum. conducted by Mr. Herman Fow- January meeting will be con- In 1957 the cost of educationg ler. This choir was organized by ducted by the teachers of the one secondary school pupil in our Mr. Ritchie, Miss Curtis, and school on "Teaching Aids" and district was \$493.00, of which Mrs. Nesbitt and has only been "How The Teacher Uses Them." \$218.00 was paid by the taxpaysinging together for one month.

, sufficiently well-informed and caring to cast our ballots, which point we might be running A superficially attractive but not only Richmond Hill but the supervision of the business adsomewhat dangerous theory was whole of Canada. I am sure he ministrator, does maintenance

from the Beverley Acres Public week, namely that the unprepar- sible consequences — particularly also subs for absent caretakers. School on the west side of town ed, uninformed and uncaring if my interest outlived his own. Your Board offices are in the by Charles Matthews, the mover, might as well stay in their cosy | Candidates, having a vested in- Thornhill High School, where homes on election day and leave terest in the outcome, are prob- your board meets regularly on Each frame building measures the serious business of electing ably the least desirable people to the second Monday of each about thirty by fifty feet and our representatives to the well- give instruction on the obligation month. Indicative of the many weights approximately thirty tons. informed and the caring. The to use the ballot or to promote expansion problems facing the The first was moved on Monday theory rests on two invalid as- its considered casting but if those at a cost of some three hundred sumptions, i.e., that all who vot- better qualified or abler to do so dollars by Mr. Matthews and his ed cast their ballots judiciously, fail to educate the public in this board itself. At the present time, two sons, using a heavy ten- and all who did not were unin- respect, the job is better attempt our two administration personnel all). wheel diesel crane and a large structed. However, many people ed by the worst people rather work in one office, with one were working on that day to com- than by none at all.

Instead of deploring their efthe whole building was re-inforc- day at Christmas and were unable forts or casting up our hands in ed and jacked up. Two twelve by to vote. My wife was one of despair at the apathy that surtwelve timbers were slipped un-derneath and two double axle those who did vote, but there rounds us, we might do better to finding room for her. However, consider how best to implement such problems will be studied by four wheel combinations were in her choice, because she admits their endeavours and perhaps deput under the beams. In this that she had made her selection vise less biased means of instruction on the franchise.

After all, certain countries to-Undoubtedly a vote capriciously day are run by a well-informed Once in its new location holes cast might neutralize a well-con- minority, but they are not generwere dug in the snow and sand sidered ballot but the mischief is ally regarded as desirable ex-Yours truly,

TOM BROADHURST, 343 Taylor Mills Drive South, Richmond Hill.

BOLTON - Aibion Council at and I were the only people left 19 foxes.

been ready to accept students some seven hours after the men Mackillop Home And School Club According to Mr. Matthews, hese buildings are not the heav-

ever. In spite of the name, they les presided at the December enjoyable. are hardly portable. Rather the meeting of the O.M. MacKillop Mr. Lloyd Queen, assistant dirname is to imply they are tem- Home and School Association, ector of music for the Ontario Newman, principal, welcomed the ren's education. fine attendance and conveyed He said they find children very

> at the school, representing four to use leisure time usefully. Mr. tute a systematic schedule of levels of learning:

Wendy Ashkanase, grade 6, Sar- by all,

The school junior choir then freshments, served by Mrs. Ac- comes very essential if we are to

Vice-president Mr. Ken Smith- | Their performance was indeed

held at the school on Wednes- Department of Education, spoke day. December 17. Mr. Robert on the place of music in child-

Miss Staunton's thanks to the as- eager to take part in musical ensociation for the flowers receiv- deavors and encourage them to ed during her stay in the hospi- enjoy good music. The school be spared from regular duties, tal. We were glad to hear that programme starts in kindergarshe will be back at school after ten with rhythmic activities and the holidays. School will begin singing, then progresses to read- job PLUS repairs to the roof again on January 5, with two ing music, singing in part, and and pointing of the parapet. At new portables, making a total of singing by sight. Some schools Thornhill, there was a budgeted provide simple instrumental amount of \$900.00 for construct Mr. Trevor Pierce, programme training. He urged parents to ing book storage and camera club convenor, introduced four pupils encourage children at home with facilities. Our cost was \$474.22. of Mrs. Andrews, plano teacher good music, family singing, and We are now planning to insti-

Queen demonstrated how even painting classrooms. A yearly Kathy Mitchell, beginner, Good an elementary knowledge of mus- survey will be made of the com-King Wencelas; Valerie Howard, ic can provide a lot of fun - plete buildings for necessary re-Grade 1. Spring Song; Carolyn he led the audience in a few sing- pairs or improvements, including Sayers, grade 5, Sleigh Ride; and ing rounds, which were enjoyed those suggested by the staff. As

For the immediate future, as

In fact, the upward spiral in

ing our educational standards.

It is the hope of this year's

chairman, that suggested revis-

ions in the committee structure

of the board will have beneficial

some committees whose functions

work that has proven so success-

ful with other boards of com-

Your chairman suggests - A

Managament Committee of five

members plus the chairman to

deal with all personnel problems,

hiring, etc.; all matters now cov-

ered by the Education Commit-

tee, to prepare salary schedules

for the budget (six members in

five members plus the chairman

to handle all matters re mainten-

ance, cleaning, purchases of

equipment and supplies, transpor-

tation, etc., and to prepare figures

- A Finance Committee - to

for the budget (six members in

be a committee of the whole -

- A Property Committee of

would account for the large ma- compared well with, and is, in prove yearly budget (13 memjority of the 1956 secondary fact, below most other areas. school population; in 1956, those Transportation in the under five age group had To aid in planning transporta- Two members of the Board (not swelled to nearly 630,000. This tion, it is suggested that the bus- already on Management or Propmeans that as this tide reaches iness administrator and the prin- erty) plus chairman of the manthe secondary school level, from cipals prepare a map of our area agement and the chairman of the 1972 onwards, we will need, in showing locations of the child- finance plus chairman of the this province, about twice the ren's homes. This will enable the board (six members). classroom accommodation and laying out of bus routes to pro- It is suggested that a regular about twice the teaching staff. vide a basis for tendering by our time be selected for these com-In other words, the problem that bus companies next year. We mittees to meet prior to the the public schools have been cop- may be able to save by re-routing regular monthly meeting of the ing with in the past few years is busses, etc., when we have such board so that committee reports just now reaching the high school information laid out in a com- may be ready for the board. Agenlevel. Our problems, severe as prehensive manner.

has been searching for land in or iness administrator has been most the minutes of the last board near Richmond Hill that would helpful in obtaining statistics, meeting. That recommendations provide a site for a new school etc., which help the board to ar- | from committees be sent out with in that area. So far, while we rive at decisions and to plan. He agendas and board minutes. That have found one or two possible has also been watching the grant separate minutes be kept for each sites, the cost is, we feel, too high. system carefully to make sure we committee. subdividers alike will co-operate in connection with the private less required. to help your Board obtain sites bus lines, but rather with public at the most economical price pos- transportation systems. sible, and that very strenuous Both the business administrator is now, and will be for some time, the co-operation from all mem- Lodge. borne to such a very large extent bers of our staff is most reassurby the real estate owner.

About Costs While the burden, as it is so mentioned, our first and continuoften called, of education, forms a ing challenge, is accommodation. large part of the tax load on prop- Then, too, we have to staff these erty, it might be of interest to schools with the best we can aflearn that Canada, as a nation, is ford. There has been a tendency spending about \$750 millions on in the Metro area to unite for the education out of a total national purpose of setting teachers' salproduct of \$31 billions - in other aries on a uniform basis for the words about 75c out of every 13 boards in Metro. Whether it \$31.00. I know you have all comes about, and whether it heard how we as a nation spend works if it does, is a matter of more on liquor, on smokes, etc., opinion. Such efforts may be than we do on education. It is the fore-runner of a wider conlittle comfort when you get your trol, such as Provincial, on salartax bill. However, it might be ies. At present, the trend set in well to remember that the Pro- the Metro area does not affect vincial Government, through the salaries through most, if not grants, pays for 35 to 40 per cent all, of the province. Your board of all school costs in the prov- has felt that influence very ince each year. Perhaps some strongly and in the past has tried other basis of raising money for to keep our salaries close to the education is overdue. Perhaps Metro level. What will be the education should be financed on a policy next year is hard to say, Provincial-level, provided local but your board will try to come boards do not lose their auton- up with a schedule that is fair to omy. Perhaps some other forms our teachers and to the tax payof raising money for education ers. should replace property tax, such as a sales tax. Perhaps the Gov- costs will affect your board as it ernment should revise its method does other civic and commercial of allocating money for new operations. We can only do our buildings and property. Certain- best to keep such increase as ly, it seems as if something will small as possible without sacrifichave to be done, and soon,

Staff Growing Your board is getting to be "really big." It now has three schools, as mentioned, with an enrolment of 1,500 pupils, a teach- effects, such as by eliminating ing staff of 73, plus three principals and two vice-principals. The are limited, and consolidating schools have a secretarial staff | such committees within a frametotalling five, caretaking and cafeteria personnel totalling 23. The Board office has two employees, parable, and even larger sizes. the secretary-treasurer and the business administrator plus a maintenance man, who, under the portable classrooms were moved propounded in this column last would be disturbed by the pos- work at the three schools and board is the possibility of increased accommodation for the phone and one typewriter. It does appear that some provision all members of the board to ap-

future for the addition of a typist, with the attendant problem of such problems will be studied by the board and a solution found. For the future, it appears that

most of the board's time will be taken up with planning to meet the ever-increasing secondary school population. **Business Administrator**

It is my personal hope, that,

with a business administrator, as well as our secretary-treasurer, more routine details can be handled without long board deliberations, leaving the members more time to consider and determine matters of policy. The business administrator has been of great assistance in getting the new accommodation ready for use, and we feel that his value will increase now that he has had a few methods. In this way, we hope, by continuing to improve our efficiency, we can save more money.

Since hiring a maintenance man, we have managed to save considerable amounts of money. For example, we had provided \$2,000.00 in the budget for the painting at Richmond Hill. The job, using our maintenance man, and caretakers when they could cost \$1,617.01, giving us at least as good, and we feel a better

our buildings grow older, this The meeting closed with re- sort of planned maintenace be-

ers and \$275.00 raised by grants

(Continued from page 1) | and miscellaneous revenue. This | geted amounts, to check and ap-

- A Planning Committee -

das should be prepared for each they may have seemed in the past, I might mention that in addi- committee. Agendas for the regare due to grow even more severe. tion to taking quite a load off ular meetings of the board to be With this in mind, your board the chairman's shoulders, our bus- sent to each member along with

We are, however, still trying do not miss out on anything to Principals will be asked to at-While the Board's task would be which we are entitled. It appears tend the committee meetings to much easier if no further large that, as a result of this vigilance, give required reports, such as atsubdivisions were permitted, we we may be able to receive more tendance, etc., to the Managerealize that it is almost impossible grant for our bus transportation ment Committee. Principals to stop such expansion. Our only costs than had been the case. I would not necessarily have to athope is that municipalities and might point out that this is not tend regular board meetings, un-

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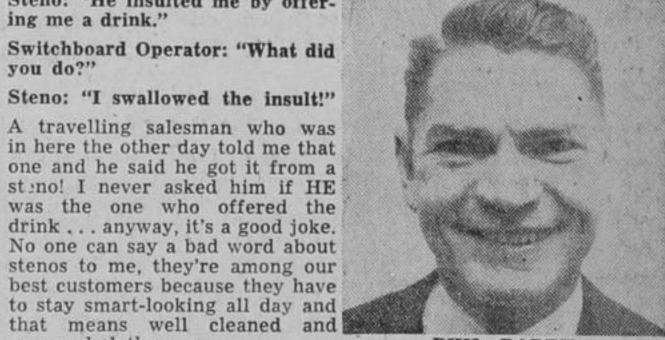
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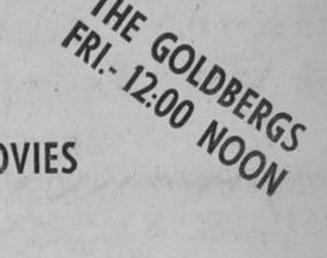
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