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THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
8:00 P.M.
RAYMOND BURT,
Secretary-Treasurer

Christmas Choraliers MacKillop School



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 wood-panels covered with wire for the bodies and paper-mache 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

200,000 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 released 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.

High School Board Chairman Reports

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would account for the large majority of the 1956 secondary school population; in 1956, those in the under five age group had swelled to nearly 630,000. This means that as this tide reaches the secondary school level, from 1972 onwards, we will need, in this province, about twice the classroom accommodation and about twice the teaching staff.

In other words, the problem that the public schools have been coping with in the past few years is just now reaching the high school level. Our problems, severe as they may have seemed in the past, are due to grow even more severe.

With this in mind, your board has been searching for land in or near Richmond Hill that would provide a site for a new school in the area. So far, while we have found one or two possible sites, the cost is, we feel, too high. We are, however, still trying. While the Board's task would be much easier if no further large subdivisions were permitted, we realize that it is almost impossible to stop such expansion. Our only hope is that municipalities and school boards alike will continue to help your Board obtain sites at the most economical price possible, and that very strenuous efforts will be made to obtain industry to help offset the load that is now, and will be for some time, borne to such a very large extent by the real estate owner.

About Costs

While the burden, as it is so often called, of education, forms a large part of the tax load on property, it might be of interest to learn that Canada, as a nation, is spending about \$750 millions on education out of a total national product of \$31 billions—in other words about 75c out of every \$31.00. I know you have all heard how we as a nation spend more on liquor, on smokes, etc., than we do on education. It is little comfort when you get your tax bill. However, it might be well to remember that the Provincial Government, through grants, pays for 35 to 40 per cent of all school costs in the province each year. Perhaps some other basis of raising money for education is overdue. Perhaps education should be financed on a Provincial-level, provided local boards have the greatest autonomy. Perhaps some other forms of raising money for education should replace property tax, such as a sales tax. Perhaps the Government should revise its method of allocating money for new buildings and property. Certainly, it seems as if something will have to be done, and soon.

Staff Growing

Your board is getting to be "really big." It now has three schools, as mentioned, with an enrollment of 1,500 pupils, a teaching staff of 73, plus three principals and two vice-principals. The schools have a secretarial staff totaling five, caretaking and cafeteria personnel totaling 23. The Board office has two employees, the secretary-treasurer and the business administrator plus a maintenance man, who, under the supervision of the business administrator, does maintenance work at the three schools and also subs for absent caretakers. Your Board offices are in the Thornhill High School, where your board meets regularly on the second Monday of each month. Indicative of the many expansion problems facing the board is the possibility of increased accommodation for the board itself. At the present time our two administration personnel work in one office, with one phone and one typewriter. It does appear that some provision may have to be made in the near future for the addition of a typist, with the attendant problem of finding room for her. However, 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 months to become acquainted with our budgeting and other methods. In this way, we hope, by continuing to improve our efficiency, we can save more money.

Savings

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 be spared from regular duties, cost \$1,617.01, giving us at least as good, and we feel a better job PLUS repairs to the roof and pointing of the parapet. At Thornhill, there was a budgeted amount of \$900.00 for constructing book storage and camera club facilities. Our cost was \$474.22.

We are now planning to institute a systematic schedule of painting classrooms. A yearly survey will be made of the complete buildings for necessary repairs or improvements, including those suggested by the staff. As our buildings grow older, this sort of planned maintenance becomes very essential if we are to keep our costs to a minimum.

In 1957 the cost of education one secondary school pupil in our district was \$493.00, of which \$218.00 was paid by the taxpayers and \$275.00 raised by grants

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MacKillop Plus Two Schoolrooms

Yesterday and today two portable classrooms were moved from the Beverley Acres Public School on the west side of town by Charles Matthews, the mover, from Langstaff.

Each frame building measures about thirty by fifty feet and weighs approximately thirty tons. The first was moved on Monday at a cost of some three hundred dollars by Mr. Matthews and his two sons, using a heavy ten-wheel diesel crane and a large tractor and float.

After removing the oil tank, the whole building was re-inforced and jacked up. Two twelve by twelve timbers were slipped underneath and two double axle four wheel combinations were put under the beams. In this manner the building itself became a trailer which was pulled by the crane to the new location.

Once in its new location holes were dug in the snow and sand put down as a base for cement blocks upon which the classroom rests. The building was jacked up so the wheels and timbers could be removed and gradually lowered onto the blocks. By the use of a transit, Mr. Matthews was able to set the building exactly level.

Had this been a regular school day, the classroom would have been ready to accept students some seven hours after the men started the removal process.

According to Mr. Matthews, these buildings are not the heaviest his company moves by any means. They are awkward however. In spite of the name, they are hardly portable. Rather the name is to imply they are temporary.

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"Dear Mr. Editor"

Comments On Local Election

Dear Mr. Editor:

A superficially attractive but somewhat dangerous theory was propounded in this column last week, namely that the unprepared, uninformed and uncaring might as well stay in their cosy homes on election day and leave the serious business of electing our representatives to the well-informed and the caring. The theory rests on two invalid assumptions, i.e., that all who voted cast their ballots judiciously, and all who did not were uninterested. However, many people were working on that day to compensate for an extra day's holiday at Christmas and were unable to vote. My wife was one of those who did vote, but there must have been an element of bias in her choice, because she admits that she had made her selection before hearing the candidates' platforms.

Undoubtedly a vote capriciously cast might neutralize a well-considered ballot but the mischief is less than that caused by not voting at all. Exercise of the franchise whether it be judicious or wanton is probably the best safeguard against corruption by disuse. Taking your correspondent's thesis to its logical conclusion we might arrive at a stage where he and I were the only people left sufficiently well-informed and caring to cast our ballots, at which point we might be running not only Richmond Hill but the whole of Canada. I am sure he would be disturbed by the possible consequences—particularly if my interest outlived his own.

Candidates, having a vested interest in the outcome, are probably the least desirable people to give instruction on the obligation to use the ballot or to promote its considered casting but if those better qualified or abler to do so fail to educate the public in this respect, the job is better attempted by the worst people rather than by none at all.

Instead of deploring their efforts or casting up our hands in despair at the apathy that surrounds us, we might do better to consider how best to implement their endeavours and perhaps devise less biased means of instruction on the franchise.

After all, certain countries today are run by a well-informed minority, but they are not generally regarded as desirable examples in the Western world.

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

BOLTON — Abilon Council at its last meeting paid bounty on 19 foxes.

MacKillop Home And School Club Enjoys Program By Junior Choir

Their performance was indeed enjoyable.

Mr. Lloyd Queen, assistant director of music for the Ontario Department of Education, spoke on the place of music in children's education.

He said they find children very eager to take part in musical endeavors and encourage them to enjoy good music. The school programme starts in kindergarten with rhythmic activities and singing, then progresses to reading music, singing in part, and singing by sight. Some schools provide simple instrumental training. He urged parents to encourage children at home with good music, family singing, and to use leisure time usefully. Mr. Queen demonstrated how even an elementary knowledge of music can provide a lot of fun—he led the audience in a few singing rounds, which were enjoyed by all.

The meeting closed with refreshments, served by Mrs. Acton and her able assistants. The January meeting will be conducted by the teachers of the school on "Teaching Aids" and "How The Teacher Uses Them."

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM RICHMOND HILL LIONS CLUB

BINGO AS USUAL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29th