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Record 35 Degree Temp. At York Manor Home

Further to the unsatisfactory conditions at York Manor, recorded on Friday of last week, the Women's Auxiliary has launched a county-wide telephone protest campaign calling for better heating conditions. Temperatures in the female sleeping quarters, recorded on Friday of last week, showed the following readings: 3 p.m., 40 degrees; 4:45 p.m., 38 degrees; 5:30 p.m., 35 degrees — but at 10 p.m. when westerly winds abated, the temperature rose to a high of 48 degrees!

Incensed that the residents (whose average age is 74) must put up with such conditions, Mrs. Alice Sheridan, auxiliary president of the York Manor Women's Auxiliary said "unless a guarantee was received in the next few days that a new home would be constructed for use by next November, a petition will be launched and we'll get everyone in the county to sign it."

Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge, commissioner of the county home for the aged, blames the delay in acquiring a new building on Metro Toronto, who has, he says, an 85 per cent interest in the home. Reeve Armstrong said a new home could be built for about \$1,000,000, a per capita cost of \$10.20 on a 20-year debenture since the Welfare Department would pay half the cost.

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Guest Speaker: Mac Carroll, local member for Essex and Kent.


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County Council Hears '58 Report From Warden And Commissioners

Chairman Sellers Asks York Replace Outdated Manor Home, Newmarket

The final meeting of the January Session of York County Council was held at Newmarket on Thursday last week, when representatives from the Mental Health Unit, and from the Canadian Institute for the Blind, petitioned council for grants to be made to them in 1959.

Also on the agenda were two reports: (1) The report of the 1958 Warden and Commissioners and (2) The report of the 1958 York Manor Commission.

The Rev. D. Davis reported on rehabilitation work being done in "half-way" houses throughout the county, for former patients of mental hospitals who are now recuperating, stating these people were still under hospital supervision. He spoke very highly of the volunteer workers who assist in the rehabilitating of these people.

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Field Sec'y For Blind

"There are 83 blind persons in York County, aged from infancy to old age, who are cared for by the Canadian Institute for the Blind," Walter Simmons, field secretary for the institute told

County Council, in requesting a grant. Mr. Simmons said the society also works to prevent blindness. Outlining some of the commitments the institute has to meet, Mr. Simmons explained that in some cases school age children

Consider Renovation L. M. McConaghy School

Following a request for direction from the board to the building committee by Trustee Harold Sanderson, Chairman of the local public school board L. D. Clement outlined further renovation plans for Richmond Hill's oldest public school, L. M. McConaghy at last Thursday night's regular meeting.

Chairman Clement stated the school on Yonge Street should be equipped with a view to using it as a senior school later. Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell was of the opinion the four bigger rooms on the top floor could be used for a senior school programme in the future.

Storage Space Needed

Storage space, cupboards, etc. should have a priority in renovating the older school, said Mr. Clement further. Trustee Cecil Williams was of the opinion it was not expensive to fix up older classrooms and he believed such suggestions should come from the building committee, of which he is a member, in the form of a motion to the board.

Supervising Principal Duard Rose said it had been suggested that the land behind the taxi stand by the school be leased for a portable as the kindergarten at McConaghy will require more space.

Chairman Clement felt it would be better to purchase additional properties, probably at the Pleasantville or MacKillop school sites. He said he couldn't see putting a portable in the suggested location.

It was pointed out more storage space for desks and other equipment unused at present but stored at McConaghy, was necessary. The space at McConaghy is considered too valuable for such use now.

Trustee Williams said he had examined the fire safety of McConaghy and that due to compliance with the Fire Marshall's regulations in 1957, the school was within the fire code established in March, 1958. He stated recent renovations had the local fire chief's approval.

Prices on stoker coal have been obtained by the board and it was decided to experiment with the \$13.25 per ton coal at McConaghy School on Trustee Sanderson's motion.

The boiler at MacKillop School is considered inefficient. Trustee Williams felt the manufacturer should be consulted. Chairman Clement advocated consulting some competent engineers.

Government assistance for relief work was discussed. It was pointed out it must first have federal and provincial government approval. It must be proved that people who are employed would have been a public charge, also the contractor would have to employ them.

Week-End Use of Schools

Trustee Sanderson, reporting regarding previously discussed use of the schools on week-ends, stated that keeping schools open on week-ends may lead to complaints from caretakers. He said one point of opposition was to putting coats and rubbers in classrooms. Mr. Sanderson felt the schedule of rates for use of the schools on week-ends should

be revised.

In a further report Trustee Sanderson said the auditor suggested that accounts should be paid only after they are certified by a member of the board. "The onus is falling on the secretary to receive and pay accounts, though she may not be sure it is right, because it isn't certified by a board member," he said. Trustee Sanderson also asked, "Are we using a proper receipt book at the schools to properly record what goods are delivered?" Mr. Sanderson answered by saying, "No, we aren't. Accounts should be first listed, then approved."

Supervising Principal Rose contended, "The principal verifies that goods have been received." Trustee Sanderson still believed a receipt book should be in each school for the principal to sign when he receives goods. He then moved, seconded by Trustee Williams, that the board set up a proper receiving record for each principal and maintenance supervisor to sign when goods are received.

Secretary Mrs. Street wondered if all accounts must be certified by a board member, it would hold up payment for a longer time. Trustee Williams said he didn't think it would be necessary to initial every invoice. Mrs. Southwell pointed out Mrs. Street has the authority to pay bills up to \$500.00, after which the chairman must give approval.

Fuel Oil Tender Awarded

Tenders for fuel oil were opened. Though the Shell Oil tender was \$4.00 cheaper, it was decided on motion of Trustee Sanderson to give the tender for 1959 to I. D. Ramer and Son, whose price was 13.6c per gallon at MacKillop, and 13.8c per gallon in Beverley Acres. Trustee Williams suggested in future tender ads should carry the notation "lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted."

Other fuel oil prices received were Imperial Oil, same as the Ramer price; B.A. 17.6c and 15.6c — this is the domestic price; and Shell, 13.5c per gallon for MacKillop School and 13.7c per gallon for Beverley Acres School.

Following a request for their comments from the town planning board, the school board indicated its approval for the annexation of Rumble Ave., for residential purposes by the town. Plans are being completed for the official opening of Crosby Heights School on February 4. On Trustee Sully's request, \$65.00 for catering by Mr. Gray was authorized for the occasion.

Contract Price Less

The contract price for the Walter Scott School has been revised to \$188,625.00, \$1,100.00 less than the original price, due to Trustee Sanderson of the building committee obtaining figures for having a multi-purpose room built of cement blocks rather than

bricks. Word has been received from the Department of Education that the provincial grant per classroom at the Walter Scott School will be on a basis of \$16,460.00.

Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Street was asked to find out who sets the equalization factor on assessment on which provincial grants are based, and to see that it is readjusted to correspond to the town's higher assessment. The board authorized her to write a letter to the Department of Education asking what is the provincial equalizing factor in Richmond Hill. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Public School Inspector, Mr. W. J. McLeod, and one to the town clerk, Mr. R. Lynett.

Inspector McLeod has advised the board in regard to the Beverley Acres Public School that no increases in grant will be allowed on this school when considered as a unit. The original grant for the first part was \$280,000. This must remain. Total cost of the school will be \$385,000, with \$339,800, eligible for provincial grants. This is \$16,181. per classroom.

On Supervising Principal Duard Rose's recommendation, Trustee Sanderson moved 50 stacking chairs be purchased for MacKillop Public School. Mr. Rose said that in winter more children find it necessary to stay at school at lunch time. He also got board approval to have text books repaired by Miss Staunton, a teacher.

A Union Jack and a Canadian Ensign, both nylon, two mounting poles and a bracket, and a picture of the Queen will be purchased for the new Crosby School. Mrs. Southwell moved two mounts for basketball be purchased from the Crosby School gym from Madson Gym Equipment, of Unionville for \$700.00 New mounts for the school costing around \$800.00 are to be purchased, as well as 12 magazines for each school library at a cost of \$300.

Thornhaven School

A letter from the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children asked the board for financial assistance. Five children from Richmond Hill attend the school. Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell, seconded by Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully, moved \$20.00 per month be paid by the board for each child.

Trustee Harold Sanderson wondered if the new school for retarded children comes to Richmond Hill, would there be an influx of people who desired the facilities for their children and if the board in a year would be paid by the board in a year would be paid in taxes to the public school system. Trustee Southwell felt the board should pay the sum, because if it didn't the amount would fall on the parents in addition to the taxes they have to

Served 3 Years Village Council

Gordon H. Sloan, a native son of Richmond Hill and a former member of Village Council, died at his Toronto home Saturday after a lengthy illness. In his 63rd year he had been an executive of the Baker Advertising Company since 1944 and previously was vice-president in charge of sales for the Colgate-Palmolive Company.

He was a son of the late David Sloan who for a number of years operated Sloan's Drug Store, at the corner of Lorne Ave. and Yonge St., present site of Clarke's Drug Store. He attended Richmond Hill schools and left University of Toronto School of Dentistry in 1915 to go overseas. He was invalided home in 1917.

He lived in Richmond Hill for several years after his return while he was associated with the Colgate Company and built two houses in Richmond Hill. He was an active member of Richmond Hill United Church and served for several years as an officer and superintendent of the Sunday School. He took a keen interest in community affairs and was elected to council in 1926 and served for three years. Council members that year included Reeve J. Lunan, grandfather of present Reeve F. R. Perkins, J. R. Herrington, W. G. Baldock, J. A. Green and Mr. Sloan. He was a life-member of Richmond Masonic Lodge.

He leaves his widow, the former Elizabeth Ann Bowman, a daughter Mrs. J. A. Pringle of Belleville, and two sons, John H. and Gordon H., both of Toronto, also two sisters, Mrs. Cora Green and Mrs. Ethel Chrysler.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon and interment followed in Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery.

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