

York Central District H.S.

# Students, Principal And Parents Protest Special Meeting Tonite

Trustee Eric Axelson, Chairman of the Management Committee for York Central District High School Board, has arranged a meeting with teachers, parents and the district high school board tonight, Thursday, in the belief that a tempest in the teapot at Thornhill High School may be amicably settled to everyone's satisfaction — and in an adult and dignified manner.

A Toronto daily contacted by one of the parents, has evolved a story "out of all proportion to its importance" — a board member told "The Liberal" Tuesday night. Trouble started when a petition signed by 39 students (girls) in grades 9 and 10 referred to the method of conducting physical education classes and suggested changes. They dropped the petition in the suggestion box, which is supplied for suggestions to the students' administrative council — and which has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with the administration of the school or teaching staff. Principal A. S. Elson in turn wrote a letter to

students' parents regarding the petition and asking for an apology to the teachers involved — and the parents began phoning board members, including Chairman Harry Sayers and Trustee Lou Wainwright, to take action.

The board will bring the matter out into the open tonight. **Approve Caretakers' Salaries** Chairman Axelson presented the following salary schedule drawn up by the Management Committee, at Monday night's regular meeting of the York Central District High School Board. It was unanimously accepted:

	Min.	Max.
Head Caretaker	\$3,800	\$4,400
Ass't Caretaker	3,000	3,800
Matron	1,660	
Annual Increment	\$200	yearly.
Allowance for 4th Class Stationary Engineer	\$200.00	
Annual vacation after six months' service	is two weeks.	

**Cafeteria Staff** The manager of the cafeteria staff, when on the permanent staff, shall receive \$50.00 weekly, and assistants will be paid \$1.00 an hour.

**Office Salaries**

	Min.	Max.
Secretary	\$2,500	\$3,200
Stenographer	2,400	3,000
Annual increment	\$150.00	

It was announced that the board hired Mrs. Betty Wallbanks as Secretary for Mr. Morrow at the Richmond Hill High School.

**Retains Membership** The board again renewed memberships in Ontario Urban and Rural Association and the Associated High School Boards of Ontario; the Ontario Trustees' Council, and Ontario Association of School Business Officials.

**AURORA:** Plans were discussed at the annual meeting of the United Church for a second church in the town.

## "Dear Mr. Editor"

Explains Lake Wilcox Housing Petition

Dear Mr. Editor: I am writing in reference to your news item headed "Lake Wilcox Ratepayers Discuss Housing Petition". Firstly, I should like to make it clear that the petition in question was not the work of one person. It was formulated by a small group of citizens after a number of discussions took place and the actual petitioning was carried out by five people. The petition, prior to last Monday's meeting of the ratepayers association, had absolutely no connection with the ratepayers association for the simple reason that there were never enough people at previous ratepayers meetings to discuss any real serious issues.

However, the petition in question cured that lethargy, at least temporarily, for of the 50 odd people there, some 20 joined the association at the beginning of the meeting. The petition asks for a house by house inspection on four counts:

- sanitary conditions,
- living conditions,
- building conditions, and
- fire hazards.

Nowhere in the petition is the word "condemn" used.

As you reported, the department requested to carry out the inspection are the health, fire and building departments. They are asked to make their reports to the Township of Whitby and in turn, the township is requested that prompt and efficient action be taken to enforce the recommendations made in the reports.

The fact that some will have to face expense is probably possible. However, on the other hand there are a lot of citizens carrying much more of the community expense under the present conditions than they should be asked to bear.

It is the hope and wish of all concerned that at the next meeting of the ratepayers association ideas and suggestions will be put forward that will help to improve the lot of all in the district.

Yours sincerely,  
L. Hanson,  
Lake Wilcox

## Letters To The Editor

"The Liberal" welcomes letters to the editor on any subject of local or national interest. We suggest the letters be kept short as possible. All communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer although names do not necessarily have to be published.

We received an interesting letter this week which we will be glad to publish if the writer will contact our office.

## Youth Choir At Baptist Church

This Sunday evening, February 15th, a special musical treat will be presented at Richmond Hill Baptist Church, 50 Wright St. The Chapel Choir of High Park Baptist Church, Toronto, will give several selections in the evening service at 7 p.m., and then present a program of sacred music at 8:15 p.m.

The choir is conducted by Mr. Clare B. Cressman, Director of Music at High Park Baptist Church, and consists of twenty-four young people from sixteen to twenty-one years of age. It is increasingly in demand for sacred concerts and programs, and recently was the featured musical attraction at a large youth rally in Toronto, attended by young people from all over the province.

You will not want to miss this musical treat, and a warm welcome is extended to all to enjoy it at the young church with the old message" this Sunday at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

## Mayor Brings Greetings

# R. Hill's 5th Public School Officially Opened Last Week

## Choir, Speeches, Tour Highlights Of Evening

Bringing greetings from the Town of Richmond Hill to the official opening of the Crosby Heights Public School on Wednesday evening of last week, Mayor Ken Tomlin said, "This appears to be an annual event in Richmond Hill — the opening of a new school". Crosby Heights is the fifth school opened in the past five years. "And on this occasion I bring greetings from the Richmond Hill Council — who are the ones who bring the increased population and the need for new schools. I hope we will be opening another school 12 or 18 months from now." The Mayor remarked on the splendid job the Richmond Hill School Board is doing and stated, "There is no question about it, the board is providing adequate accommodation of excellent quality for our school population."

All roads seemed to lead to the brilliantly lit Crosby Heights School last Wednesday night, as cars streamed down every road, and many visitors left their cars at home to come afoot. 400 people were seated in the lovely all-purpose room which will be used as an auditorium-gymnasium. Tastefully and eye-pleasingly done in pastel green, and a gray with a warm rose tint to it, observers found it a most restful colour combination. The floor of Granwood (which is also used in the bright and well-equipped kindergarten) laid in parquet style, also enhanced the large room, as well as providing extra warmth and greater wearability with less maintenance than other types of flooring.

The school choir, looking very smart and trim in navy blue blazers, with a school crest on the pocket, and the girls wearing grey skirts, the boys in grey flannels, sang three numbers, after bursting into a song about This Old Man, just after Principal Glen Wood said, "They asked to sing 'This Old Man' and I said this was not a suitable number for opening night." But it was quite clear that the choir and the accompanist, Music Supervisor Herman Fowler, enjoyed "the joke on the teacher" and the audience enjoyed their singing very much.

### Receive Keys

Chairman L. D. Clement, who had earlier introduced the guests on the platform, including the school board members, principals, guest speaker and School Inspector W. J. McLeod, then introduced Mr. Irwin, who represented the school architects, Hanks, Irwin and Pearson. Mr. Irwin presented the keys of the new school to Principal Eldon Gooding. Presentation to Principal Gooding of a school bible was made by Councillor Robert Ross, chairman of the public school board at the time the school was being planned and built. Mr. Gooding said he considered it a great privilege and responsibility to be principal of Crosby Heights Public School and that with the assistance of his staff, which was one of the best, they would turn out good students. Mr. Gooding quoted from Professor Duncan, head of philosophy at Queens University stating, "Our task as teachers is to teach the right material, that our pupils may interpret a great variety of experiences which life has in store for them."

Duane Rose, Supervising Principal of Richmond Hill Public Schools in his address to the gathering, compared the "old schools" the parents attended in their

based on literacy, we are now, through the medium of TV and radio in our schools and homes, swinging into a pre-literary form of teaching. With signs and symbols replacing the written text." The school is gradually losing its place as a top source of information for our children when tape recordings instead of textbooks are used for teaching.

The change is here to stay, the speaker deplored, as he wondered what would become of the great institution of printing if people did not place more interest in reading from the printed message, instead of getting such things as the news condensed into capsules by radio or shortened to half hour news programs on TV. He challenged his listeners to decide, "Can we really go on to build this institution of learning?" and concluded by saying it was up to the teachers to hold the line and help our youngsters to be the kind of adults God made them to be, by setting a pattern of cultural learning for living.

Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell then led the speaker, after which the Rev. W. W. Patterson of St. Matthew's United Church pronounced the prayer of dedication and the school was officially declared open.

A tour of the 12-roomed school was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Crosby Heights and Walter Scott Home and School Associations.

The school is comprised of twelve classrooms, a teachers' room, a nurses' room and a gymnasium-auditorium with stage. Present enrolment is 410, in kindergarten and grades 1 to 4 classrooms. The existing services are adequate for a future addition to the school.

Members of the Crosby Heights Public School staff are: Principal Eldon Gooding; vice principal, Glen Wood; teachers, Miss Kathleen Nighswander, Mrs. Mary Lou Spence, Mrs. Elinor Irwin, Miss Margaret Brodie, Mrs. Verma Styrmo, Mrs. Helen Kingsley, Miss Ethel Thomas, Mr. David Garlick, Mrs. Helen Crawford, Mrs. Marjorie King, Mr. Fred Browning and Mr. William Kingsley.

### Trail of "98"

On Saturday, February 14, at 2:30 p.m., Channel 3 viewers will be able to see the "Trail of '98". This hour long production, based on Pierre Berton's popular book "Klondike," was presented on the CBC network recently and special arrangements have been made by CKVR TV to show this outstanding film on Saturday, February 14. Narrator will be Mr. J. Frank Willis.

Pierre Berton, the popular writer and T.V. personality is a resident of Vaughan Township, living in the Kleinburg district.

## Liberal Women Meet Feb. 18 At Newmarket Hall

Mrs. Arthur Brown, Liberal candidate for St. George's Riding, will be the speaker at the February 18 meeting of the York North Women's Liberal Association. This group meets monthly in the Veterans' Club room, Town Hall, Newmarket, at 8:15 p.m. All members and friends are urged to be present.

## Notice

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the RICHMOND HILL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION will be held on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, AT 2 P.M. at the CUB HALL IN THE TOWN PARK

SYL STEFFAN, Secretary

## HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?

The motorist was trying to make amends to the housewife for having just run over her cat: "I'm very sorry, lady, but I'd be willing to replace her."

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bridge, Aurora, Secretary; Miss Betty Graham, Newmarket, Study Group Chairman; Mrs. W. S. Cook, Richmond Hill, Press Officer; Mrs. J. C. Belknap, King, Program Chairman; Mrs. G. Duncan, King, Social Convenor; and Mrs. Keith Norris, Newmarket, Archives. Absent from the photo are Mrs. H. McConnell, King, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. G. Fish, Aurora, Membership Secretary; and Mrs. A. E. Jarvis, King, Social Convenor.

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