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## Public Schools Offer Many Special Services

by G. McIntyre, Supt. Public Schools, Richmond Hill  
The Richmond Hill Public Schools offer a considerable number of services beyond those required by Provincial Statutes, and an additional service was added this fall when a Senior Opportunity Class was established at Walter Scott School. Mr. John Wheeler, a popular teacher on the staff of this school, received special training this summer at the Department of Education Auxiliary Course, and is presently in charge of a class of eleven pupils. Mr. Wheeler reports that, in addition to receiving instruction in academic subjects, these pupils will be given instruction in Manual Training. By limiting the number of pupils admitted to this class, it is possible for the teacher to give much greater attention to the individual pupil than is possible in the regular classroom.

The Junior Opportunity Class at Beverley Acres, with an enrolment of fourteen pupils, is under the direction of Mrs. Jean Tribbling. Mrs. Tribbling also attended the Department of Education Auxiliary Course this summer.

A school bus service is available for children attending the Opportunity Classes who reside at a considerable distance from the schools where the classes are given. These children bring their lunches to school, and a supervised classroom is made available as a lunch room during the noon recess.

Kindergarten classes are offered in each school, nine teachers being employed to teach these small children. Every effort is made to give the benefit of these classes to all children who will reach the age of five years by December 31 of this year. To meet the demand for these classes it has been necessary, in some cases, to employ two instructors and, in other classes to reduce the number of periods of instruction per week from five to four half-days. Though the provision of Kindergarten is optional to School Boards, most parents consider the social adjustments that their children make in these classes is an essential preparation for the more formal education they receive in the Elementary school grades.  
(First of a series of monthly articles)

## Keele St. Bridge Safe Will Tour Roads "To Last Ditch"

When Valentine Acres residents, Mr. Fred Patterson and Mr. Bert Agnew reported ditch gratings were not adequately taking away water from Kingslynn-Patton intersection, they enlisted a meeting of King City Village Trustees with "a picture worth a thousand words".

Few words of explanation in Mr. Agnew's Irish brogue were necessary after he produced a snapshot of himself, surrounded by ditch water, as he stood on a "bird cage" grating trying to clear the flooded drain.

Secretary G. T. Thompson borrowed the snapshot as evidence and will arrange a tour of the new roads with subdivider Leo Valentine or his representative.

Head of Valentine Acres Ratepayers' Association, Mr. Patterson also pointed out places of erosion and reported the new roads were being ruined as earth slid into ditches after rain. Some Kingslynn residents were surprised to find bullrushes growing in their ditch, he said.

Mr. Patterson inquired where a meeting could be held for some 40 ratepayers from his subdivision. The Masonic Hall or Legion Hall were suggested. The fire hall could be used only if the firemen gave their consent, trustees explained.

Mr. Patterson wanted confusion cleared up, whether it was Patton St. or Lane and was told a by-law on street names would be coming into effect.

Dr. Carl Heder was assured by Chairman Donald Findlay, Q. C., he could build a hospital for large animals on the line of his King St. property, since it was in a commercial area.

Dr. Heder said he had a permit for the building, to be erected detached from his present small animal clinic, but said he would not put up the buildings unless he had his neighbours' approval.

Representing Heritage Park Ratepayers, former Trustees' Secretary George Cruickshank sought approval for three garages. Trustees directed a letter to township planning board, committee of adjustments, expressing their approval of garages on Lots 13, 14 and 15 of Plan 415, providing the garages were of masonry construction and ten feet of space would remain between them and neighbouring houses.

Trustees' letter noted, "Applicants, by reason of the grade of lots cannot site garages elsewhere and the ten-foot resulting interval satisfies the purpose of the by-law." Owners of adjacent properties will have to be notified.

"What's to become of my swimming pool?" inquired Mr. George McDonald regarding a wet spot on his front lawn at 25 Springhill Road, which appeared after he had water service connected two years ago.

Trustees Donald Findlay and Ronald Bolton discussed deflecting water from Mr. McDonald's property and decided to try exploratory holes in the ditch opposite the shut-off valve. Mr. Bolton suspected a possible leak in the main under the railway tracks. Mr. McDonald claimed his house was sinking and Mr. Thompson affirmed field-tile was draining onto the property.

Because she is a cousin of Mrs. Len Robby, Trustee Mrs. Mary Scott refrained from voting on a letter the other two Trustees decided to send Toronto and York Roads Commission regarding Mr. Robb's proposed driveway on South Keele St.

The letter stated sidewalk alterations would be at the applicant's expense and recommended a \$100 holdback on the contractor's fee until the completed sidewalk met with Trustees' approval.

As Police Commissioner, Mr. Findlay reported parking tickets had been ordered and a winter coat purchased for Constable William Jensen. He demonstrated the large tuning fork bought at \$18.90 for the radar speeding equipment.

Secretary Thompson was asked to have Mr. William Farren clear the drainage ditch between Heritage Park and Kingsview Subdivisions, and to enlarge the gully trench on Mr. John Belknap's property.

Regarding the threat of water to the Keele St. bridge over the creek, Mr. Thompson said, "It won't wash out the bridge in our time."

Mr. Findlay mentioned surveying being done on Patton St., the owners to be asked for a widening strip to bring the road up to regulation width.

Residents of the  
Town of Richmond Hill  
are advised that the regular weekly

## ASH COLLECTION

will commence Friday, October 23,  
and will continue every FRIDAY,  
throughout the winter season

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FRIDAY MORNING

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Russell Lynett Clerk

## Quarter Million Members Jaycees - World Wide

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL has over a quarter million members, making it the third largest such organization in the world. Many more members would be added to this total, but the age limit is 39 and the number of ex-members probably outweigh the existing membership.

Many successful public figures in commerce and industry got their first step toward good management and leadership through the Jaycees. In Richmond Hill, Councillor Bradstock and ex-Deputy-Reeve Don Plaxton are members and School Board member Cec. Williams is the Past President of the local Jaycee unit. Responsibility & Leadership

The primary purpose of the Junior Chamber of Commerce is to give young men an opportunity to accept responsibility and leadership by training them in such things as public speaking, parliamentary procedure, committee management and chairman's duties. These skills are learned and put into practice through the Community Betterment Program and Civic Affairs Committees, etc. Advise Shop Locally

The Jaycees are not a Service Club but naturally many aspects of the Community Betterment Committees take on a service nature and funds for these projects will this year be raised through a Christmas Radio Auction run in conjunction with a "Shop Locally Drive" in November.

## BUTTONVILLE NEWS

CORRESPONDENT: Mrs. F. G. LEAF  
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### Neighbourhood Notes

Five year old Susan Venus had her tonsils removed at the Scarborough General Hospital early last week, and is progressing nicely we're happy to say.

Birthday congratulations to Mrs. James McQuay who celebrated on Thursday last week. Mrs. A. W. Miller spent the Thanksgiving weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tibbles of Scarborough, visiting their daughter and her family at Drummondville, Quebec.

Miss Isobel Hood was home from London for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crisp were guests of Hart and Ruth Rowlands at their new home in Ajax on Thanksgiving Sunday.

W.I. members catered at Buttonville Hall when the Victoria Square District Lions Club entertained at their inaugural banquet. Guests were their wives, Thornhill Lions and their wives and representatives from Lions International.

Brown's Corners United Church was beautifully decorated for Sunday morning's Thanksgiving service by members of the Y.P.A. Rev. A. F. Binnington conducted the service and special music was provided by the choir, with Miss Dorothy Hood at the organ and Mrs. S. J. English directing.

Next Sunday morning Sunday School will be held at 10.15 a.m. and church service at 11.30 p.m. In the evening the Unionville Junior Farmers will hold their annual church service at 7.30 p.m. at Brown's Corners Church with Mr. M. Cockburn as guest speaker.

It might be as well to keep an eye out for some one who is entering churches with intent to rob. Last spring a man was apprehended on this count but was let go for lack of concrete evidence. Recently a church in Thornhill was entered during the service, causing concern.

Rob Fair Exhibits  
Apparently thieves were busy on the last day of Markham Fair as wires were removed from exhibits late in the afternoon.

George Hooper of the Girls' Club lost dishes and a pair of handmade pyjamas in the Junior W.I. display, and that luscious looking decorated cake the girls exhibited, demonstrating how to ice and decorate, was also gone.

Whoever took this last item would be sadly disappointed if they planned to serve it for a special occasion, for underneath its glamorous icing lay Mrs. Charles Hooper's cookie tin! Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rodick were pleased to have John home from Pickering College, Newmarket, for the holiday week end. First Game of Series  
Fifteen tables of players were

at Buttonville Hall for the first game of the autumn euchre series played Friday evening of last week. Winners were Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Gordon Ogden and Mrs. A. Robinson; Messrs. E. Walton, Russell Burr and Adam Brown. The lucky draw, a bushel of apples, was won by Mr. Mizen and the freezout was won by Mr. and Mrs. Cattenach with Messrs. Ken Stots and Wm. Muirhead placing second.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. O. Brook, Mrs. Joe Robinson, Mrs. G. Franey and Mrs. Nell Lak. The second game will be played October 23.

School Parents' Club  
Buttonville Home & School Association has been dissolved, and in its place is the new Buttonville School Parents Club, formed at a meeting held early in the month. Officers appointed are: Past President, Mrs. Jack Storey; President, Mrs. Jim Hood; Vice-president, Mrs. B. Venus; Secretary, Mrs. D. DeMike; Directors - Principal Atkinson, Mrs. Murgaski, Mrs. Craigie, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Ken Stephenson and Mrs. W. Koning (from No. 6).

At an executive meeting held last week the following issues were decided: seven meetings a year will be held, omitting those at Christmas & Easter. The first meeting will be held on October 28 at the school, and will be a display night, with one of the teachers teaching an actual lesson to her pupils. The graduates dinner is scheduled for Friday evening, November 6, at 7 p.m. with parents invited to join the group at 8 p.m. for the presentations. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts (now of Elliott Lake) are being invited to attend.

Explorers and CGIT  
Mrs. Maw tells us that the Explorers are expecting a good crowd at their sale of work and tea on Saturday afternoon. Since summer the girls have been working hard preparing work for this sale.

Harold Cunningham Passes  
Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Harold Cunningham, Nancy and Robert at the death of Mr. Cunningham, which occurred at Toronto Western Hospital on Sunday following a long illness.

Mr. Cunningham grew up in this area, and in later years was associated with Leitchcroft Farms. He was a member and faithful attendant at Brown's Corners Church as long as his health permitted.

Following a service in the chapel of the Wright and Taylor Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, interment was at the Hagerman cemetery.

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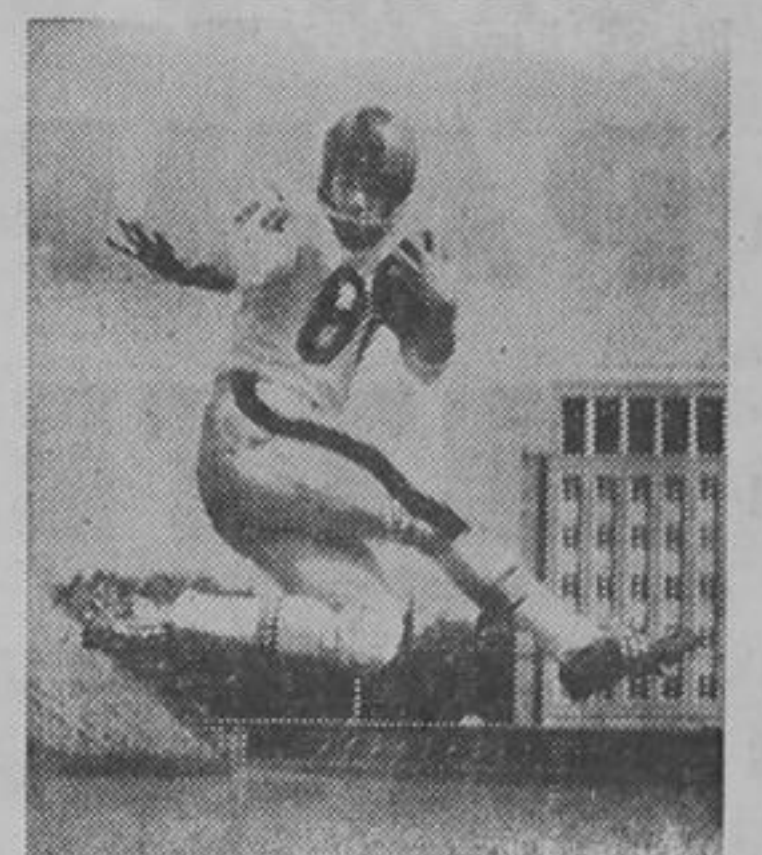
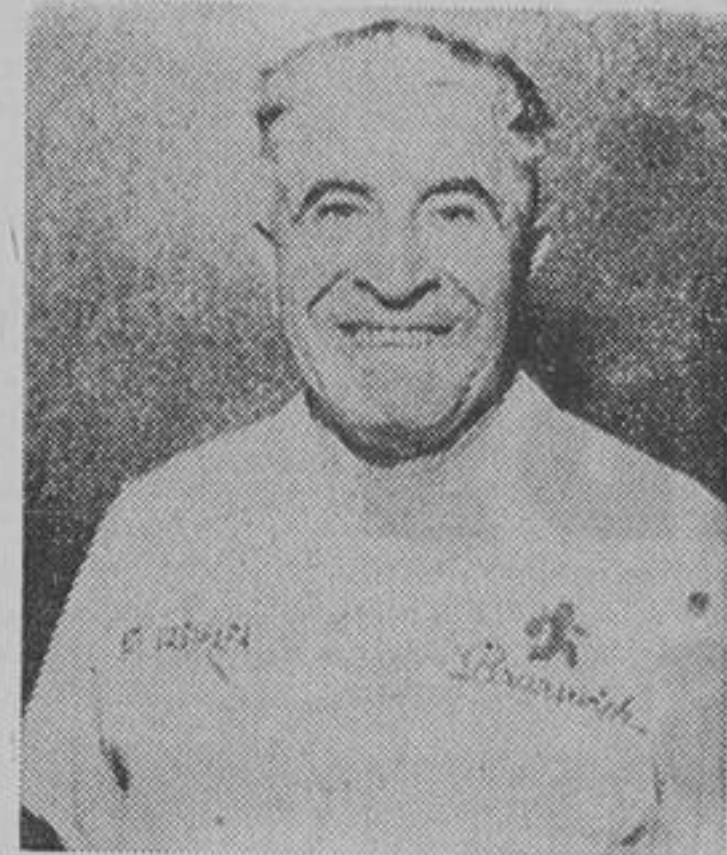
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