

Only 2 Kindergartens Not Overcrowded Planning Committee To Study Overall Problem Of School Accommodation

Trustees Table Motion To Purchase Portables

The Richmond Hill Public School Board tabled a motion Thursday evening last to purchase two more portable classrooms and provide more kindergarten space to avoid the staggered kindergarten classes at Walter Scott and Pleasantville-MacKillop Schools.

Trustee Cecil Williams spoke out against the staggered hours which provides for a group of kindergartners attending school for one-half day on each third half day at Walter Scott School and Pleasantville-MacKillop School.

At the MacKillop-Pleasantville School a total of 93 pupils are enrolled with two teachers sharing the teaching duties in one kindergarten classroom. The pupils are divided into three groups, two classes of 30 each being MacKillop pupils, and one group of 33 pupils from Pleasantville. At Walter Scott, two teachers teach 92 pupils by dividing them into three groups of 31, 31 and 30. The staggered classes at these schools, according to Superintendent Gordon McIntyre, provide conditions quite acceptable to the teachers, but not satisfactory to parents whose children face a varying time table.

At the Crosby Heights School there is only one kindergarten classroom with two teachers on duty full time in the one room. They teach a group of 83 pupils with 42 in each morning class, and 41 for each afternoon class. The number of pupils at Crosby Heights is above the maximum, said Superintendent McIntyre, for an efficient kindergarten and other arrangements would be advisable if these numbers were to increase.

The Inspector said the most satisfactory conditions exist at Beverley Acres School and at McCaughey School where classes of 25 pupils or fewer are held each half-day.

The motion was tabled in order to allow the planning committee

program we aren't trying to develop stars, but to give each child the best training possible. But our programs have been spotty." "We have been too busy building schools," interjected Trustee Mrs. Southwell.

Schools and Parks
A letter from Councillor J. Bradstock was read informing the board the town had five acres of parkland adjacent to and west of Crosby Avenue School.

Trustee Williams didn't feel the board would want to use this land as it is swampland now and would have to be filled in first. Crosby School is already extended to the north. However, Trustee Williams felt the board could co-operate in any possible joint development of the park and school property. He said the park committee would like to use the school property for rinks open to the public. The works department would flood and maintain them and probably supply some flood lighting. Trustee Williams suggested the letter be answered to the effect the board desires to co-operate with council and would welcome the opportunity of discussing details of how rinks, if established, would be maintained.

Trustee Williams also recommended the board write a letter

to the town recreation committee outlining the need for storage space in the schools for people outside the school personnel using the schools for recreational purposes.

Trustee Williams pointed out that in the new schools additional space could be incorporated during construction, but that in the older schools new storage facilities would have to be built.

Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell pointed out that in Windsor the parks and school grounds are together. Trustee Williams added that in Toronto the parks department had put swimming pools on some school property.

Gratefully Acknowledged V.O.N. Campaign Donations Now Reach Total Of \$4,098

Richmond Hill V.O.N. Committee met recently and reviewed returns from the annual drive for funds which to date totals \$4,098.54. While this is something short of the objective it assures that the work of the organization will carry on in the community and the nursing service of the V.O.N. will continue to be available in Richmond Hill.

In expressing sincere appreciation to the citizens of Richmond Hill and the many volunteer canvassers who made the campaign a success, Mrs. Malcolm Thomson, Committee Chairman, expressed the hope that people in increasing numbers will avail themselves of the service offered, and at the same time pointed out that donations still are welcomed and may be left at the Toronto-Dominion Bank or with any of the committee or canvassers.

More than 135 men and women took part in the canvass and a real effort was made to reach every home and place of business. Receipts included \$1365. from

- Mrs. R. J. Hasselfeldt. Total: \$146.38.
Mrs. G. Shaw and Mrs. R. Firman, co-convenors; Mrs. T. Pitt, Mrs. T. Eede, Mrs. R. Ingham, Mrs. G. Barenthin, Mrs. J. Gwin, Mrs. T. Owens, Mrs. F. Taylor, Mrs. A. Clayton, Mrs. A. Plummer, Mrs. J. Newton-Smith. Total \$234.62.
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Mrs. Gordon Trussler, convenor; Mrs. E. G. Boreham, Mrs. E. W. Kay, Mrs. A. F. Smith, Mrs. R. C. Lister, Mrs. P. McGurk, Mrs. D. A. Gray, Mrs. G. Graden. Total \$196.30.
Mrs. R. E. Norton, convenor; Mrs. R. N. Judge, Mrs. R. Newman, Mrs. J. Walter, Mrs. C. Burgess, Mrs. B. Curtis. Total \$137.00.
Mrs. F. J. Smith, convenor; Mrs. W. Broadhurst, Mrs. J. Daley, Mrs. R. Lott. Total \$51.00.
Mrs. L. D. Clement, convenor; Mrs. Derek Adams, Mrs. David Higgins, Mrs. J. M. Wright, Mrs. William Gilchrist, Mrs. H. B. Weeks, Mrs. W. L. Stone, Mrs. N. K. Flynn, Mrs. S. E. Wilder, Mrs. John Munroe, Mrs. R. C. Flynn. Total \$307.50.
Mrs. A. Fitzpatrick, convenor, Mrs. Robert Jackson, Mrs. A. Hunkeler, Mrs. G. Sampson, Mrs. F. Jankowiak, Mrs. Roy Chandler, Mrs. W. Mason. Total \$262.45.
Mrs. T. R. Hobden, convenor; Bedford Park. Total \$73.65.
Mrs. Roy Whitman, convenor; Mrs. J. Hedman, Mrs. J. Haggart, Mrs. D. Lindsay. Total \$110.15.
Dr. Jean O'Neil, convenor; Mrs. A. S. Armstrong, Mrs. S. K. Appleby, Mrs. Dorothy Bradley, Mrs. W. H. Bury, Mrs. A. Dunn, Mrs. A. W. I. Farwell, Mrs. Jas. Fletcher, Mrs. James Langstaff, Mrs. Donald Little, Mrs. R. D. Little, Mrs. J. D. MacGregor, Mrs. H. H. MacKay, Mrs. J. R. Stocks, Mrs. H. Wright. Total \$608.20.
Mrs. Roy Maddocks, Kinetics convenor; Mrs. Don Bellamy, Mrs. James Bunn, Mrs. George Flagger, Mrs. Ray Gemmill, Mrs. Jack Hardy, Mrs. Dalt. Hicks Mrs. Don Loughlin, Mrs. Harold Mabley, Mrs. Sandy Neal, Mrs. Ed Pallister, Mrs. William Patten, Mrs. T. Porter, Mrs. K. Shields, Mrs. William Snow, Mrs. Roy Swanson, Mrs. Marshall Thompson, Mrs. Wm. White, Mrs. Harry Thomson, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Mrs. A. Lander, Mrs. W. A. Acton, Miss Joseline Orr, Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mrs. S. H. Coxford. Total \$497.00.
Mrs. E. Donald Beaumont, Pleasantville convenor; Mrs. Don Plaxton, Mrs. Walter Murray, Mrs. Kenneth Clarke, Mrs. R. Ryland, Mrs. P. Townsend, Mrs. Arthur Dixon, Mrs. Spencer Guest, Mrs. E. M. Askane, Mrs. Wm. Fairfield, Mrs. P. G. Savage. Total \$243.

The Committee is hopeful the interest of the volunteer canvassers in the work of the V.O.N. will be continued throughout the year, and to this end it has suggested a permanent auxiliary of women may be formed. Any women interested in helping in such an organization are invited to call Mrs. Gordon Trussler, TU. 4-3606; Mrs. Ritchie, TU. 4-2382; or Mrs. Lindsay, TU. 4-4294.

The V.O.N. Committee has gratefully acknowledged the generous offer of the Rotary Club to assume responsibility for the nurses' car expense for the coming year.

MARKHAM: It will cost Markham Village \$16,653 to purchase the old post office property for a parking area, this is the assessed value of the property as set by Crown Assets Corporation. Reeve J. V. Fry's reaction: "Babergasted", this would bring the total cost of the new post office and parking space to an estimated \$100,000. O.M.B. has to approve the parking scheme before it can be put through.

Mrs. J. Cook Laid To Rest

Following an illness of some eight weeks, Mrs. Clara Cook died in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Thursday, October 22, 1959. The late Mrs. Cook who was in her 75th year, "never had a sick day in her life," according to her family until she became incapacitated from pernicious anemia last July; she spent the last seven weeks in hospital.

Born in what is now Leaside, Ontario, August 26, 1885, the former Clara Doughty, married John H. W. Cook and they moved to Richmond Hill 39 years ago, living first on Yonge St., then moving to their newly built home on Crosby Avenue 14 years ago. A member of Richmond Hill United Church, Mrs. Cook is survived by her husband and two sons, Norman of Richmond Hill and Clare of Chalk River, four grandchildren and a brother, Norman Doughty of Cedarblat, and three sisters, Mrs. Walter Simpson (Dealie), Kingston; Mrs. James Sinclair (Pearl) Sutton and Mrs. Robert Cook (Ethel) of Rexdale, Ontario.

The Rev. C. J. Higginson officiated at the funeral service held from Wright and Taylor Funeral Home, Richmond Hill on Monday afternoon. Interment followed in Westminster Memorial Cemetery, Willowdale, when six nephews were pallbearers: Murray and Charles Sinclair, Clifford and Earl Cook, Kenneth Shields and Charles Phillips. "The Liberal" joins the many friends and relatives of the late Mrs. Cook in extending deepest sympathy to her sorrowing family.

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