

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Leno last Sunday, November 15th, received the congratulations and good wishes of a host of friends and relatives on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Scores of messages included a wire of congratulations from Her Majesty the Queen, and from Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

The Leno home at 86 Leisure Lane was banked with beautiful flowers from friends and relatives and Mr. and Mrs. Leno received the guests in the living room. Dainty refreshments were served and pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs. John Leno, Mrs. Jack Stanbury, Mrs. Roy David, Mrs. George Sparkes, and in the evening Mrs. Thomas Allison, Mrs. A. J. McLatchy, Mrs.

Harry Stanford and Miss Elsie Fry. Married in London, England, the couple came to Canada in 1906. After living in Toronto and Mount Albert, they came to Richmond Hill in 1921. Trained in engineering in the old land, Mr. Leno was engaged in the machinery business here and was widely known as a skilled and expert craftsman. He and Mrs. Leno, the former Elizabeth C. Floyd have three sons and one daughter, Cyril in Richmond Hill, Floyd in Toronto, Stanley at Elgin Mills and Doris at home.

The Liberal joins with the people of the community in extending sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leno on their Diamond Wedding celebration.

District High School Board Too Much Time On Accounts Not Enough For Education Trustee J. Honsberger Tells H. School Board

The multiplicity of textbooks in the local district high schools will be investigated. Chairman Harry Sayers told the three principals of York Central District to "get together and try to standardize the texts," when the board met in the Woodbridge High School last week. Chairman Sayers felt some uniformity in deciding on the texts to be used might have certain advantages.

Principal Wright Morrow stated that the policy of the provincial Department of Education was to have a number of texts on each subject available. "The individual teacher usually chooses the text most suitable for his course," said the Richmond Hill High School principal.

Chairman Sayers asked that the principals' text book report be made in writing.

Trustee J. Honsberger called the board's attention to the fact the building and maintenance needs of the high schools seemed to shove discussion of the actual curriculum into the background. "The only real curriculum discussion this year has been on German," said Mr. Honsberger. He asked that the teachers attending the recent curriculum development committee meeting in Toronto give a detailed report to the board.

Mr. Morrison, principal of the Woodbridge high school, reported Mathematics and Industrial Arts inspectors had made special trips to the high school at staff request and their overall impression seemed to be favorable.

The resident inspector is not expected to make his annual report until the new year. Mr. Honsberger commented, "there was never much on the report."

Home and School Association

The board was in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Connie Matthews who was also present, asking free use of the Richmond Hill high school auditorium for a Home & School Association meeting on November 10 and three more meetings in the new year.

The request provoked discussion. Trustee Stewart Rumble felt the \$6.00 fee charge was nominal and the Home and School Association should pay it. Trustee Rumble didn't see why "taxpayers in Woodbridge should pay for the Richmond Hill Home and School Association meeting."

Trustee Nathan Hicks commented it was usual for a Home and School Association to be organized in each school. Trustee Robert Endean, seconded by Trustee Wes Middleton, moved that the Richmond Hill Home & School be granted the use of the auditorium for the usual fee. This was defeated, four voting for, six opposed.

Trustee Wilson, seconded by Trustee Honsberger then moved the Richmond Hill Home and School Association be granted the use of the auditorium free for the November 10th meeting and for three more meetings in the new year provided on these last three occasions the auditorium was not spoken for on a paid basis. This motion carried with six voting for and four against.

Trustee Rumble expressed the opinion the board was "getting too far away from detail. I know less about the business of the board than ever before" he claimed.

Trustee Honsberger was critical of the attitude feeling the board spent too much time on \$5.00 items and nothing on the education side.

"We're here to run the finances," interjected Trustee Rumble. "Trustee Rumble is only on the Planning Committee, not enough committees," commented Trustee Middleton.

Chairman Sayers stated the committees of the board as set up this year had been approved by the board.

"Last year," Mr. Sayers said, "I attended 72 meetings; that's too much for anyone. I've had 40 meetings this year. I am pleased with cutting down on meetings. I feel we should streamline with four schools, we can't afford the detailed time. We are failing in the prime purpose of secondary education in arguing over details. The committee set up is being brought up. There will be no more discussion on this unless there is a motion to open up the question," he ruled.

Trustee Middleton immediately challenged this ruling as autocratic. Trustee Rumble interjected, "Mr. Sayers, you speak your mind at any time." Chairman Sayers asked if there was a motion asking for the question of committees to be re-opened.

Trustee Rumble claimed that Chairman Sayers recognized the need for a revision of the committees when a building committee for the proposed Bayview School was named. "We got it when the need arose," answered Chairman Sayers, ending the discussion.

Later Trustee Middleton and Trustee Rumble said in the meeting that as they had stated before they felt Chairman Sayers had been a fine chairman.

Present New By-laws

Chairman Sayers, management committee head R. Axelson, and Business Administrator D. J. Ashworth, have been setting up by-laws to be considered for the local board. They are a composite of the School Act and the Rules of Order, and with revisions are based on by-laws of the Toronto and North York Boards of Education. Trustee Rumble felt the statutes of the Province of Ontario provided all that was needed in the way of by-laws. Chairman Sayers believed a prime need was

for a set of regulations regarding tenders, fire drills, requisitions, etc.

The board members will peruse the proposed by-laws and it is proposed to have them vote at next month's meeting on whether they will be rejected or accepted with revisions.

"Good, to read them won't hurt us," enjoined Trustee Middleton.

Site Purchase Held Up

Purchase of a Bayview site for a proposed fourth high school is still being held up. Present option expires on December 31st but the board hopes to be able to extend it if Ontario Municipal Board approval has not been secured by that time. Holding up the O.M.B. approval, which is necessary for provincial grant purposes, is the necessity of all four municipalities to explain where they will be able to procure the necessary debentures. However, three of the municipalities, Richmond Hill, Woodbridge and Markham Township have secured a debenture source and the fourth, Vaughan Township, hopes to from the Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation.

Trustee Robert Endean has been chosen chairman of the Bayview building committee. Other members chosen by Chairman Sayers are Trustee Stewart Rumble, Wesley Middleton, Jas. Howes and Morley Kinnee.

Dept. Heads Exceed Budgets

Some department heads at the high schools have exceeded their expense budgets for the year. Chairman Sayers felt, "Every department head must be held accountable for expenses." Several trustees felt the accounts for the most part were running well and not too much over the estimated amount.

A motion passed in October makes it mandatory for any expenditure exceeding the budget to be presented to the board for approval before payment.

The local Curtain Club will give its performance of "Blithe Spirit" in the Richmond Hill High School auditorium. Though Saturday evening usage of the auditorium is discouraged, permission was given to the group to use the space on Saturday provided overtime costs are borne by the club. They had previously been told the cost of the auditorium would be \$25.00 per performance and \$6.00 for rehearsals.

A letter, received by Trustee Axelson, management committee, from the custodians, asked that salaries be paid twice, instead of once, a month. Business Administrator Ashworth pointed out all salaries were on a monthly basis and to pay the custodians twice a month would require more clerical help. Trustee Rumble expressed his feelings against hiring any more administrative staff.

The secretary, Mrs. J. R. McAlister, said the staff had been asked to complete their ordering for the year by the end of October to insure delivery of goods in the year budgeted for.

Teachers who did not get their new category adjustment in by October 31st will not be able to get salary adjustments this year, the board noted. October 31st was set as the last date for salary changes this year at the September meeting. Principal W. Morrow said several new category ratings had been delayed by necessary correspondence with federation officials concerning the qualifications.

The board gave Mr. Morrow permission to have a five-day portable electric welding course taught at night school for local farmers and their helpers. Date of the course, two hours a night, will be announced later.

Richmond Hill and Thornhill High Schools are still neck to neck in enrollment, both having 754 students each. Woodbridge has 293 pupils.

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All parties interested please take notice and be governed accordingly.
Dated at the Town of Richmond Hill this 9th day of November, 1959.
RUSSELL LYNETT, Clerk
Town of Richmond Hill

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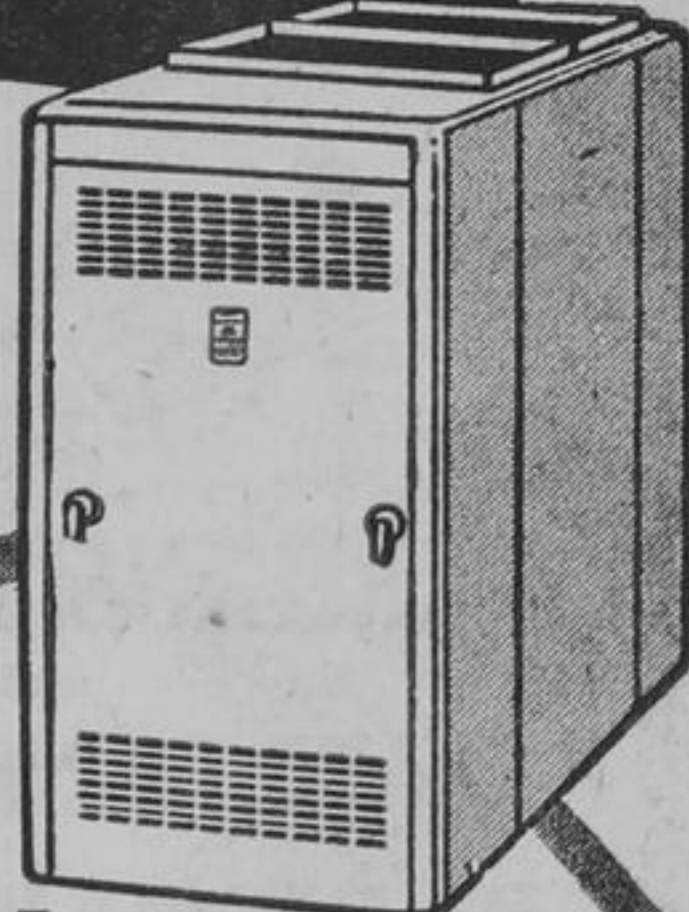
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THE JAYCEES WILL DONATE ANY PRIZE MONEY WON TO THE THORNHAVEN SCHOOL FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

So Come Out & Vote

Vote as you like, but vote.

Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce

First Building With Elevator

Ridley Apartments on Markham Road, Richmond Hill's first large apartment building was officially opened by His Worship Mayor Kenneth W. Tomlin last Friday evening.

Built by J. M. Meisner & Son, the fine new building has forty attractive suites and is serviced by Richmond Hill's first elevator.

In welcoming the guests including members of town council and town officials, Mr. Meisner said, "It took us over a year to get a permit from the town and we completed the building in six months." The Mayor said Richmond Hill is proud of the fine new apartment building which is attractive and modern in every respect. He cut the ribbon to officially declare the building open and a golden key was presented by the architect to Mr. Meisner.

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