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**AREA GROWING PAINS -**

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The growth must be tied in with industrial growth. Municipal Councils, Planning Boards, Chambers of Commerce, in fact all such organizations and individuals should do all they can to attract commerce and industry to their communities. It is not enough to say, build houses for workers, and industry will follow, for such is not often the case. Everyone should help. Rising taxes are something like the weather, everyone talks about it, but no one (or comparatively few people) do anything to change it.

It is, however, and have been for some time, that property tax is not the fairest way to levy for school purposes. The Provincial and Federal Governments should take steps to relieve the property owner of the ever-spiralling tax burden. None of us can afford to pay more and more taxes each and every year.

In 1939, school taxes across Canada took about 25% of the

	1956	1957	1958	1959
Teachers' Salaries .....	186,000.	263,650.	365,000.	501,200.
Non-teaching Salaries ....	27,300.	35,900.	57,900.	79,800.
Maintenance levy .....	177,038.	257,018.	287,631.	316,455.
Debtent levy .....	84,822.	103,713.	103,713.	201,618.
Total Budget .....	528,600.	677,743.	792,055.	989,655.
No. of pupils .....	1,093	1,201	1,545	1,800
Gross cost per pupil per day	4.42	3.53	3.39	not avail.
Net cost per pupil per day	3.15	1.45	1.15	not avail.
No. of teachers .....	48	57	78	83
No. of Admin. staff .....	1	1	2	2
% Cost of Administration	4.8	4	4.3	4.6
Janitors, Cafeteria and office staff (total) .....	19	19	29	30

It's of interest to note the pupil cost in Toronto in 1958 was \$3.07 per day, while the cost of administration in that area was 10.1% of the total budget. We now have out of our 83 teachers, with a total of 515 years of experience, ranking from one year to 30 years. Teachers are the essence of education and York Central tries to get the best we can afford. While there may be some easing in the supply of Secondary School teachers, the shortage is not yet over. There will still be strong competition for the available supply which means York Central will have to continue its policy of being as close as it can afford to the schedule generally prevailing in Metro Toronto, if we are going to get and retain the type of teachers you would like to have for your children.

The tight money situation is with us, and may stay the new High School on Bayview Ave. in Richmond Hill. We need that school badly by September next year. It's a question whether we can have it ready but we are still trying. Then come additions to Thornhill in 1961 and Woodbridge in 1962 plus whatever additional school accommodation may be occasioned by new subdivisions that are not yet realizations. The "unfreezing" of the southwest corner of Markham Twp., the continued efforts to get the sub-division in the southeast corner of Vaughan Township underway, plus the continued expansion in other parts of the District will mean more problems to solve insofar as schools are concerned.

It is a problem that requires the understanding and co-operation of tax payers, municipal bodies, school trustees and all others concerned.

Although last spring the provincial government promised grants for school sites, no definite announcement has been forthcoming. It would be a most welcome relief if we could get some grant on the purchase of new sites, particularly would it be welcome if we can get a grant on the cost of the Bayview Ave. site. Such help is needed and to this I think the municipalities should add some assistance, not as a grant, but by forcing subdividers to supply land and services to school boards, both public and secondary, at cost or below, and not at a profit.

I have often wondered if more economical use might be made of our school buildings. I will not be very popular with some students, but I venture to suggest that consideration should be given to lengthening the school day by half an hour, by lengthening the school year by a week or so, and thus help make it possible to reduce our present 13-grade system to a 12-grade. This would cut the overall costs of education and permit students entering University to do so at an earlier age, which should enable them to become wage earners a year earlier as well as reducing their personal costs.

The increase in our secondary school population is indicated by the fact that in 1955, only 16,600 candidates wrote Grade 12 papers. Last summer, more than 24,000 pupils tried 129,000 papers. That's an increase of about 50% in 8 years and it's an increase that will be cumulative for the next several years.

As I mentioned last year, the continued expansion has brought other problems to your Board. For example, our administration staff of the Business Administrator and Secretary-Treasurer will need to be expanded before long as a reality...our maintenance workshop - one does not have a workshop - en enlarged facilities will be needed for these two units. Then, it may be that before long some educational supervisory staff may be needed, such as a supervising principal or a director, but we hope that is not an immediate need.

Having grown from a board of one school to three at present, (four or more in the near future), we have been faced with some growing pains. Under consideration at present are a set of by-laws and regulations which will set up a policy guide for the board and its staff that should ensure uniformity of administration throughout the system and which should enable the Board itself to devote more time to the planning, policy making, etc.

Our District has been generally fortunate in not having many disciplinary problems. We have had our share, and few as they may be, they are to be regretted. In most cases parental understanding and co-operation have helped solve the problems very quickly and amicably. I only wish that all parents and all students co-operated as well. It is to be regretted, I think, that comparatively few taxpayers in our District are really familiar with the set-up of our board. Some do not realize that we as a board have no connection with Public Schools in the area.

It would be helpful, if members of the Board had the opportunity to visit ratepayers' and similar associations to explain that York Central District comprises all of Vaughan Township, the Village of Woodbridge, the Town of Richmond Hill and that part of Markham Township from Yonge St. east to halfway between the fourth and fifth concessions, an area of about 150 square miles. . . that our members are appointed by the four municipalities represented and by certain other bodies.

In concluding, I would like to say that our Board has reason to be pleased with the academic standings in our three schools. Naturally, these vary from year to year, but generally speaking we equal or better the provincial average. That is, I am sure, a matter of gratification to parents, teachers and trustees alike.

This year I complete six years on this board as a representative of Richmond Hill. When I first came on the board, I was, as had been the case for some time, the only trustee from the town. As it grew, we had two trustees and now three. I am grateful to the Council of Richmond Hill for the opportunity to serve as its representative. I am grateful to all the members of the Board for the support and cooperation they have shown, particularly in the past two years in which I served as Chairman.

As I wind up my active association as a member of this board, it is with some regret and with sincere thanks to the teaching staff, administration staff and the non-teaching personnel for the help and cooperation they have given. It has been a pleasure knowing them and working with them.

To all concerned, thanks a lot and continued success as York Central District High School Board grows and grows.

Harry W. R. Sayers,  
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**Richmond Hill Trustees Call Tenders For New Pleasantville School**

After a final check of the plans and specifications of the Ontario Municipal Board of the Building Committee of the Richmond Hill Public School Board (Trustees Harold Sanderson and Cecil Williams) tenders for the seven classrooms plus kindergarten - Pleasantville Public School will be advertised for and closed January 14th. It is hoped construction will be begun by spring.

Town Council solicitor Mr. J. D. Lucas is now presenting to the Ontario Municipal Board the case for annexation of the school property from Vaughan Township to expedite drainage and hydro construction work which the board desires to do under town supervision. Chairman L. D. Clement and Trustee Sanderson appeared before Council last week and were given assurance that when the annexation goes through the placing of the school as authorized by Vaughan Township planning regulations will be accepted by the town's planning department. The school will be six inches closer to the south line than town regulations permit.

Town council also agreed to the proposed drainage system as outlined by the town engineer. The proposal includes a sodded "dish" ditch to be drained to the south.

There was some discussion as to whether the paving should be completed with the construction of the school, Trustee Williams favouring this, or waiting until the drainage picture has been adequately established, Trustee Sanderson favoured the waiting period.

Trustee Williams will inquire into the costs of having a firm inspect the laminated beams in three of the public schools.

**MacKillop Addition**  
Trustee Williams presented sketch plans for the addition of a large size gym, suitable for a senior school in the future, for the MacKillop Public School. After discussion it was agreed a two to four classroom addition might be needed in the near future and would eliminate the use of several portables. Gordon McIntyre, Superintendent of Schools, and the Planning Committee (Chairman Clement and Trustee Joseph Rabinovitch) will study the problem after which provincial Department of Education approval for the classroom would have to be obtained if the decision of the Committee is that they are needed in the near future.

With the mushrooming growth on the east side of town it was also believed it might prove advisable to locate the special opportunity classes on the west side.

With a nine pupil increase enrollment in the public schools now have 2,928 pupils.

Following a query from Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully as to why tests were two weeks before Christmas and what was done the two weeks after, Superintendent McIntyre said the levels were divided into three month periods and the tests were given when due, but that the new level of work had been started which will be in the next third of the year's work.

**TV For Schools**  
Superintendent McIntyre mentioned the pilot experiment in TV for the schools by the CBC in January through March. He hopes to have one teacher conduct and evaluate the classes of 1/2 hour each which will be presented one day a week. The 1/2 hour programs will be designed for three groups, second and third grades, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, and the seventh and eighth grades.

On motion of Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Sully, the Building Committee will have plans and specifications drawn up for a portable after which tenders for two portables may be called for. (The board is still endeavouring to rent two portables until next September pending the construction of the new school.)

Secretary Mrs. D. Street reported to the board she had studied the enrollment in the schools and had found only one case of a child attending public

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