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Many Matters On Agenda Vaughan Twp. School Board

Transportation for pupils living beyond the two mile limit to Township Area schools was one of the first problems presented to the new Vaughan Township School Area Board by a delegation Thursday evening at their first regular meeting following the inaugural board members agreed to look into the matter. Langdon's Coach Lines Ltd. has been asked to outline a suggested time table and Superintendent J. A. Gibson will ascertain whether those asking for transportation live without the two-mile limit.

Earlier in the month, Mr. Percy Walton, Mr. S. Precious, Mr. F. Tinkler, Mr. Gray and Mr. N. Donerall had appeared at a committee meeting to request transportation for nine public school children along the west side of Dufferin St. who had to walk along Maple Sideroad to the George Bailey Public School. Mr. Walton, who has been fighting for transportation along Dufferin Street for the past four years, reiterated his stand, "Maple Sideroad is a traffic hazard for these children."

Chairman H. A. Constable presided at the meeting held in the Council Chambers at Maple. Present were Vice-chairman Mrs. Mona Robertson, Trustee Mrs. Ruth Hogg, Trustee S. D. Kaiser, and Trustee Milton Savage. Superintendent J. A. Gibson attended his first regular meeting since taking office February 1, Mr. Norman Jackman, secretary-treasurer, was also present. Minutes of four special meetings since the inaugural were read and adopted.

It was agreed Thursday evenings would be set aside for committee work. Finance committee, Mr. Kaiser, Chairman, will meet the first Thursday; regular meet-

ing the second Thursday; Management committee, Chairman Mrs. Hogg, third Thursday; and property committee, Chairman Mr. Savage, the fourth Thursday.

Public Meetings In Schools
Stating "We need more community activities, not fewer, and even a nominal charge says 'come if you must but you're not welcome'" Trustee Mrs. Hogg said she was now advocating that welfare and educational activities, in fact any use of the school for teaching the children or adults, be granted use of the classrooms free of charge.

Trustee Mrs. Robertson felt if there were to be any charges they should be on a flat rate to eliminate excessive book-keeping.

The original motion stemming from a previous committee meeting was that Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs be charged \$1.00 per month; specially requested meetings be \$5.00 for the first three hours, \$2.00 per hour after; adult welfare and educational organizations be charged \$2.50 for four meetings. All permits for meetings be granted to May 31st. Requests must be made especially for meetings in June. No meetings to be scheduled in the schools during July and August.

Mrs. Hogg said her feeling, after thinking over the matter, was that all non-profit making activities should be allowed to use the schools free, even teachers giving music lessons.

"It's so difficult in this country to get musical education. We have tried four times to get musical instruction in Kleinburg. At Kleinburg school they are taught only a little singing — not music," argued Mrs. Hogg.

"We'd be subsidizing such an

endeavour by letting them have caretakers," said Chairman Constable.

Trustee Kaiser believed people using the schools would appreciate the privilege more if they had to pay something. Chairman Constable added, "A fee enables us to keep control."

"It costs the ratepayers \$1.50 an hour for someone to open and close a school," pointed out Trustee Kaiser.

Mrs. Robertson interjected, "The ratepayers are already paying for the schools."

Mrs. Hogg moved an amendment to the motion asking that community educational and welfare organizations be permitted to use the schools free, and that the Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies have one meeting per month free of charge.

Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Hogg voted for the amendment; Mr. Savage and Mr. Kaiser opposed. Chairman Constable broke the tie vote by opposing the amendment. The motion was passed, Mr. Savage, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Constable being in favour of it, the two woman trustees against.

Superintendent Gibson was given authority to arrange bus transportation for all township pupils taking part in the Kiwanis Music Festival on February 18, 23, 24. Expense is expected to come under \$200.00 if a "general contract" is made with the bus line. Formerly the cost was around \$25.00 per school for a "chartered" bus. Langdon Coach Line has indicated to Mrs. Hogg and Superintendent Gibson that they are prepared to make arrangements for the transportation to Toronto.

In regard to over-all transportation in the township schools, Mrs. Robertson felt Mortson Bus Line, which services Jefferson Public School should be given consideration. Chairman Constable indicated all bus lines wishing to do so would have the privilege of appearing before the board in committee to discuss the matter.

The school bus, formerly the property of TSA No. 1 Markham and Vaughan, has had repairs at a cost of \$150.00. Trustee Savage said in spite of the brake work already done it was now necessary to do a reining job. It was estimated \$30.00 more is needed to put the bus in shape. Later a paint job will also be necessary, Mr. Savage said.

Phones have been installed in all schools.

It was decided all school pictures were to be taken on a group-basis only.

Mr. Steve Ireland has been appointed custodian at Kleinburg School.

The salary schedule of the custodians is to be reviewed by the property and management committees.

At a special meeting the board decided not to assume the fringe benefits formerly paid to the staff of TSA No. 1 Markham and Vaughan as mentioned in Item 4 of the referee's report of the division of the area.

Property committee chairman Savage said part time caretaker for Thornhill Public School had been hired and that he will also work part time at Langstaff Public School. For 38 hours work the employee received \$57.00.

The board agreed to continue its part in the insurance coverage provided by London Life for the staff until June 30, 1960. Forty per cent of the Ontario Hospital Services Contract will be paid by the board but the employee must pay 100 per cent of semi-private care if desired.

A certificate approving of an \$18,472.78 payment to W. G. How, contractor for the addition to the Charles Howitt School was received from architects Jackson and Ypes along with a bill from the architects for \$443. for supervision. It was noted there was only \$2,120.93 work still to be done. The board will request information from the architects re the work leading up to the certificate and an explanation of the change orders dated November 27, December 22 and 23, in the specifications. Chairman Constable asked for a motion that the amount be paid provided the board is given the change orders, and the required additional information. The board also will ask for a statement of payments to the architects up to date.

A communication from Mr. R. Campbell of S. S. No. 4 Markham asking if there would be accommodation for the 34 children now attending Jefferson School in September 1960. The board will indicate it can provide accommodation for up to 50 pupils. However, the information as to definite accommodation needed must reach the board by March 15. The cost per day per pupil will also be investigated before that time.

Mr. Neal Watson of Toronto-Gore Township has also contacted a member of the board regarding accommodation for 12 pupils now attending Vaughan schools after June 30, 1960. Chairman Constable suggested Trustee Kaiser ask the board to write the board regarding the requested accommodation. Trustee Hogg and Superintendent Gibson were asked to make a survey of the school population estimates in that area.

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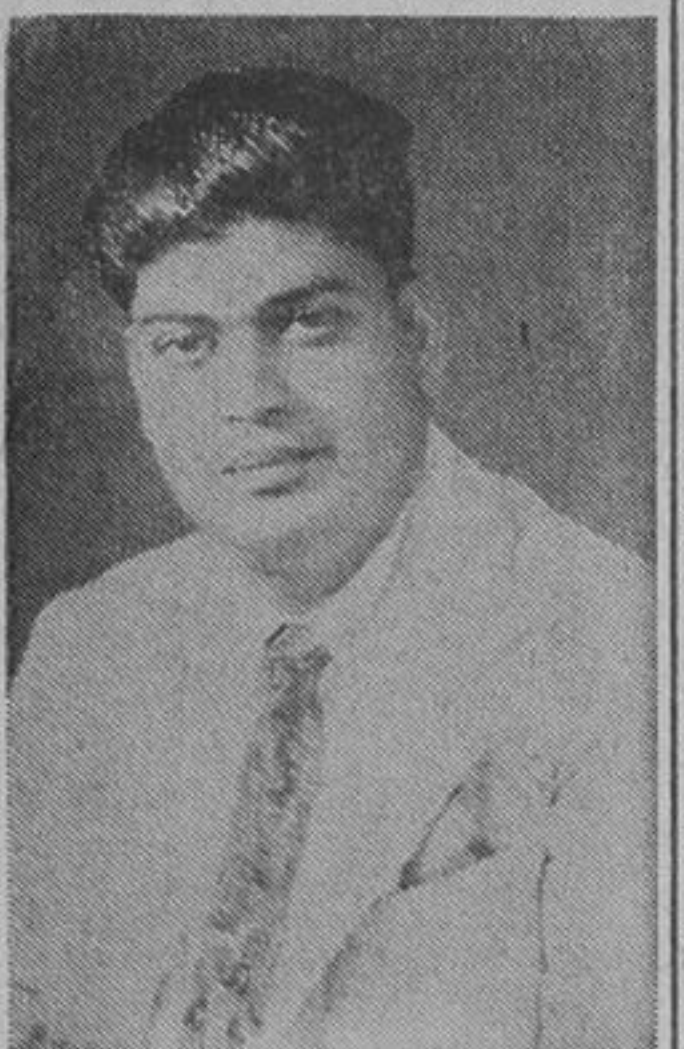
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Before leaving by plane on Tuesday for Winnipeg to take up his new post as Biologist with the Manitoba Department of Mines (Fisheries Division), Dr. Basu met many of his local friends and professional associates — entertaining them with projected views of his latest travels abroad — in three continents and many countries. As published in "The Liberal" in June 1957, Dr. Basu flew to New York City, then to London, followed by consultations in the principal research centres in England, France, Holland, Germany, and Italy. On leaving Rome, Dr. Basu flew to Karachi in Pakistan, then for al-



DR. S. P. BASU

most 3,000 miles flew across "the roof of India" to Calcutta, located on the Ganges River, where he again resumed his post with the Indian Government, as Superintendent of Fisheries, West Bengal.

Born in Calcutta, Dr. Basu graduated from the University

of Calcutta where he secured his Master of Science degree, followed by intensive research work — resulting in the publication of his thesis — "Life History of Fish," for which in 1942, he was awarded a gold medal and cash reward for his efforts. In 1944, Dr. Basu was appointed Research Officer, Government of Bengal, to carry out a number of scientific tests, being awarded a Fellowship in 1947 followed by considerable research work into 1952. "On leave" from the Indian Government — Dr. Basu came directly to the laboratory of limnology, Research Station, Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, Maple — where — and also in conjunction with the University of Toronto, Dr. Basu engaged in many research projects.

"Fish" — a word generally used to denote this item of food — also to describe the act of catching fish, either through "hole-in-the-ice," lake-river, or ocean — is of small significance when compared to the value obtained through the patient, intensive research experiments by scientists. Having made this subject his specialized life study, Dr. Basu has given many distinguished contributions to the world — not only in methods of increased production of fish for food — but in the breeding of the Indian species of *Oryzias Mellaistigma* — a fish from 1 1/2" to 2" in length, who, by eating the mosquito larvae, (which are the carriers of malarial parasites) help to combat the spread of malaria, and other fevers.

Purification of sewage through fish culture is another vital scientific subject in which Dr. Basu has accomplished much — a system utilized in India to benefit public health, which has also been adopted in Germany and England.

As present space does not permit fuller description of these accomplishments — further detailed articles from Dr. Basu will be printed in later issues of "The Liberal." Though used to the high temperatures of Northern India, Dr. Basu enjoys the local cold and especially the snow, in fact, said Dr. Basu — "Delighted to be back in Canada again."

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