

More Births Fewer Deaths In 1959 Reports N. York M.O.H. Carl Hill

Dr. Carl E. Hill, Medical Officer of Health for the Township of North York, reports continued growth and progress in the Department of Health during 1959. In comparing the two previous years with 1959 his report to the Board indicates the health program of the township has kept pace with the rapid population growth.

Despite the fact that population in 1959 averaged 28,977, a total of 6,616 babies being born in 1959 as compared with 4,818 in 1957. It is interesting to note that while only 85 babies were born at home or in North York Hospitals in 1957, in 1959, 747 babies entered the world under the same circumstances. 5,869 North York babies were born outside the township in 1959.

Tuberculosis patients registered 1,085 for 1959, as compared to 1957's figure of 796, 54 — or nine more patients, were admitted to sanatoria last year than the figure of 45 shown for 1957.

One Child Health conference centre was dispensed with in 1959, making the total centres for last year, 16, the same as the 1957 number.

Dental

The picture of dental health for the Township of North York has fluctuated during the past three years with 4,454 clinics held in 1957, 4,804 in 1958 and despite the population increase only 4,748 clinics in 1959. However, extractions were down considerably and fillings up only slightly over the three-year period. In 1959, 31,385 pupils were treated, as compared to 28,293 in 1957. North York's Dental staff comprises 9 full time and 7 part time dentists and 16 dental assistants. 56 North York schools are equipped with modern dental clinics.

Water

"One hundred per cent of

North York is now served by the municipal system," Dr. Hill reports. Metro now provides all municipal water from Lake Ontario. Supplementary well supply was discontinued in September, 1959 and quantity and pressure are such that all township elevated storage tanks are being removed.

Sanitation

There was a sharp increase in the total number of visits re quarantine, for 1959 with 728 visits made, as compared with only 166 in 1957.

Before any building permit is issued in North York for a dwelling or other building to be served by a septic tank system, the Building Department examines plans and inspects the lot, but the M.O.H. exercises final decision on any questionable lot, and the Board of Health Engineer is consulted re the requirements for special systems to serve schools, factories, etc. Last year the Department of Health made 4,655 inspections.

Pupil Inspection

21,753 vision tests were made in the schools last year, just 1,100 more than in 1957. Hearing, audiometric and voice tests were made on 10,605 pupils with approximately the same number being "weighed". 1,161 class rooms in elementary schools were visited last year by public health nurses, 989 were reported on for 1957.

General

And to round out the picture of the Department's activities: 12,753 letters were sent out; the public health nurses interviewed 4,863 parents of school beginners and distributed over 11,000 pamphlets on public health.

Cost per capita to the residents of North York, for public health services was \$1.32 in 1959, \$1.30 in 1958 and \$1.32 in 1957. School dental services cost another 46c.

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Local Municipalities Discuss Water Supply

The Inter-municipal Co-ordinating Committee representing Richmond Hill, and Markham and Vaughan Townships, met last week in Markham Township Chambers. It was the best attended meeting to date and the main subject discussed was that of water supplies.

Chairman Dugald McCowan presided ably as usual with Mayor Tomlin, Councillors J. Bradstock, E. H. Whelan and Mr. J. Brown representing Richmond Hill. Mr. Brown is the recording secretary and a member of the Planning Board. Representing Markham were Reeve Wm. Clark, Deputy-reeve W. Dean and Councillors Mumberson and Watson. Deputy-reeve Ryder and Councillor Anstey represented Vaughan Township.

Reeve Clark told the committee that it was reasonable that the three municipalities should develop their water supplies in co-operation. Councillor Bradstock said the municipalities were all spending a lot of money drilling and seeking for water all over their areas. Why not combine this ex-

Expect Large Entry At York County Seed Fair

Next week, the York County Soil & Crop Improvement Association will hold its 24th annual County Seed Fair and Hay Show in the Newmarket Town Hall on Wednesday, March 16th, when it is expected there will be a big entry of seeds of all kinds, turnips, table potatoes, and hay. The bumper crop of cereal grains last year should bring out good competition in those classes and the hay show gets bigger each year.

New classes have been added for hay, cured by mechanical conditioners or stem crushers. The class added for corn ensilage requires one gallon shown in a sealed glass jar.

W. P. Watson, Live Stock Commissioner of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, is one of the outstanding agricultural speakers in the Province and has the reputation of being able to size up the farming problems with wonderful accuracy.

Among other projects planned by the York County Soil & Crop Improvement Association at the recent directors' meeting, are a pasture management competition, a bus tour, variety plots of grains and grasses and the ever-popular Sunrise Tour.

Secretary W. M. Cockburn points out that for the Seed Fair, exhibits will be judged in the forenoon, commencing at 10 a.m. and the afternoon programme will start at 2:15 p.m. During the afternoon, there will be a draw for the six valuable prizes donated by a local merchant. Clifford L. Winger of Gormley is President of the Soil & Crop Improvement Assoc. for 1960.

Markham School Area Board Set Budget For 1960

The Township School Area No. 1 Board of Markham adopted its instructional supplies budget for 1960 at the March meeting of the board this week in Henderson Avenue School. It was estimated by Supervising Principal and Business Administrator E. J. Sands that each of the 850 pupils will use approximately \$10.00 worth of supplies during the school year.

Supervising Principal Sand in presenting the estimates said they were based on previous experience and while they could be considered high he believed the purpose of the school system was to provide these things. Mr. Sand even went so far as to say that of ten schools with which he had compared instructional expenses, this budget was the highest. "But," Mr. Sand added, "It gives the most."

Trustee John McKay stated, "We want to do the job 'adequately' to give the children the best possible education." On motion of Trustee McKay, seconded by Trustee Lionel Frost, the budget was accepted.

The provincial Department of Education pays a grant of \$1.00 (based on average daily attendance) for library books. Mr. Sand considered this at \$850.00 adequate for library books. For textbooks the province gives a grant of \$3.00 per child this will amount to \$2,550.00. "They will take care of our requirements adequately for both new and replacement texts on the approved list," said the Supervising Principal.

Trustee John Honsberger asked whether it was the practice of the staff to repair books or were they thrown out. Mr. Sand said it had been his experience that when the book was damaged to the extent it needed major repairs it was not much more expensive to purchase new books which would outlast the repair job.

Academic supplies will probably come to \$3.50 per pupil or \$3,150. Academic supplies include copybooks, pencils, chalk, crayons, etc. Workbooks to supplement textbooks comes to \$340.00. For maps and globes there will be \$40.00 allotted to each school. As science is coming to the fore in elementary education, \$25.00 has been given to each school for science equipment. For manuals for teachers to accompany readers and other approved texts, \$10.00 for each school has been included in the budget.

Teachers textbooks can be purchased to the amount of \$50.00. Art and music teaching materials have a budget of \$200.00. Film strips and film service are budgeted for \$200.00. German Mills School will continue to receive films each month at a cost of \$40.00 for the year.

A contingency fund of \$800.00 is also included in the instructional supplies budget.

Trustee John Honsberger of the Education Committee presented a number of booklets relating to special education in the public schools. These included studies relating to slow and quick learn-

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