

Hope Bayview School Ready November

Plan Either Vocation-Technical Course Limited Vocational Courses High Schs.

Prepare Figures On Cost October Meet

"We're faced with a wonderful expansion," Chairman Stewart Rumble succinctly declared as this year's enrollment figures and expectations of the future were revealed at Monday night's meeting of the York Central District High School Board.

High schools in the district are running at full capacity this fall, and it appears plans for an addition to the Thornhill High School, or another high school, will have to be drawn up this winter in the hope more classrooms will be available at least by September 1962.

Decide Next Meeting
At the October meeting of the board, Tuesday, October 11th, in the Richmond Hill High School Library, the board will decide whether to add a complete four year vocation-technical course to its curriculum which would probably result in creating a composite school of Thornhill High School, or to have "limited vocational" courses in grades nine and ten of all the schools with the option of completing the course at board cost in a Metro Toronto vocational or technical school, and adding a purely academic wing at the Thornhill School. Trustee Robert Edean, seconded by Trustee J. Wilson, made the motion for an October decision culminating a lengthy discussion.

A "limited vocational" course would require an extra shop, costing approximately \$25,000.00 plus equipment, at each school. Principal Wight Morrow pointed out that the Richmond Hill High School had only seven acres of land, and that "the new east wing put the school out of balance now." He did not see how the structure could be allowed to encroach on the grounds to any further extent as the school yard was "much too small" for the size of the student body already.

Suggests New School
Vice-chairman, Trustee E. Axelson expressed the opinion an entirely new school rather than making the addition to Thornhill composite, might be the best solution if the board decided to offer a complete technical course. A central full-course technical or composite school was envisioned with the four other high schools "feeding it" after grades 9 and 10 were completed at the "limit-

ed vocational" high schools.

Trustee Mrs. Barbara Langstaff asked, "Are we planning to buy another school site?" Chairman Stewart Rumble answered there was "not a motion" to that effect on the books. However, the board in the past has put an option on a potential location in the Bathurst St. area.

Cost
Chairman Rumble was concerned over the cost of such a school and asked Trustee Lou Wainwright, Chairman of the Planning Committee, to prepare some cost figures for the next meeting. Chairman Rumble added, "We also need some reasonably reliable figures as to how many students to expect." It was stated that technical or vocational classrooms cost around \$10,000.00 more per classroom than academic. While the necessary 1600 feet of required space in these larger rooms would accommodate 40 academic pupils, only 20 to 25 stu-

ents could be taught in a shop room due to the heavy equipment ment.

"Perhaps we could cut the failure rate with this course," said Trustee Mrs. Langstaff.

The vocation-technical course takes good students," pointed out Trustee Mrs. Kathleen James. Inspector Johnson and Department of Education officials have said at several meetings on the subject in the past few years that it is a mistake to think a poor or "lazy" student will do any better in a technical course than he would in a purely academic course. Aside from that five academic subjects are still required in the vocational set-up.

In commenting on composite, or technical, schools it was said that the desired enrollment was now 1,500 to 2,000 students whereas 1,000 students were considered enough to form such a school several years ago.

Trustee Mrs. Langstaff mentioned that it had been remarked at a conference on such schools that the fall-out in grades 11 and 12 was larger than in purely academic schools, 35% to 52%, due principally to the fact some students feel they are ready for industry by the end of two years technical training.

Vocational Courses on Books
Trustee Mrs. James recalled the board had passed a motion sometime ago to establish a limited vocational course in the high schools by September, 1961.

One of the first duties of the board, when it is decided definitely what type of school and course will be offered, will be to set up an Advisory Vocational Committee to study and guide the establishment of technical education in the high schools. When such a committee is set up the board is then eligible to receive a Federal grant of \$10,000.00 per classroom for these special courses.

Want Academic Courses
An interesting comment was made by Principal Morrow to the effect that first year students, whom it had been presumed, would not take French at his school had wanted it. Mr. Morrow sensed there was a greater desire by students for academic subjects at Richmond Hill High School than ever before.

Principal H. L. Eubank's report contained a similar comment. "Originally I foresaw, on the basis of information provided from the public school, that the Grade 9 classes not taking French but with Business Prac-

and reach back for the subjects that they have to make up. A special Opportunity Typing class for beginning typing has been set up at Bayview for academic students who find a use for typing, there is an attendance of 25 pupils, four mornings a week.

Certain classes have to make special arrangements to accommodate the members, or to insure certain subjects are not missed for some of the pupils who have attended school other than Richmond Hill High School. For example grade 11 and 12 geography is taught together, students taking the grade 12 programme. To accommodate the numbers, Grade 10 students are on a semi-individual timetable arrangement, which is not always usual in high schools.

No Date For Bayview Yet
When Bayview High School will be ready for occupancy is not known. The acoustic ceiling and the vinyl flooring will go into the classrooms probably this coming week but Principal Eubank hopes the cafeteria will be ready before the actual moving date. It is expected it will be at least into November before the school is ready for the students.

Richmond Hill H. S.
Richmond Hill High School has 710 pupils on the roll. There are eight grade nine classes whose enrollments are as follows: 21, 25, 37, 41, 40, 39, 36 and 33 pupils. Grade 10 has class enrollments from 15 to 31 pupils in six classes. In Grade 11 there are four classes of 35, 32, 28 and 34 pupils. Grade 12 has four classes of 15, 31, 37 and 16 pupils. Grade 13 has two classes of

37 and 33 pupils.

Thornhill H. S.
Thornhill High School has 777 pupils in all. In grade 9 in the regular course are 246 pupils, 29 in commercial; in grade 10, 171 in regular, 35 commercial; in grade 11, 113 and 27 pupils; and grade 12, 53 and 35 pupils.

Woodbridge H. S.
Woodbridge High School has 362 pupils. There are five grade nines, of 145 pupils; three grade 10s of 82 pupils; two grade 11s of 72 pupils; one grade 12 of 40 pupils; and 23 pupils in one grade 13.

There are approximately fifty more pupils than estimated in May, said Business Administrator B. J. Ashworth, 2,104 expected, 2,156 enrolled. "We'll be jammed to the doors by next September," he added. "We'll need the next addition ready by 1962, composite or not." Mr. Ashworth summed up the board's problem as comparing "the cost of high school education." How will the cost of technical education compare with the cost of academic; the cost of academic plus limited vocational compared with the cost of academic plus a four year technical and vocational course in one school, and a two year limited vocational in the others? What's the estimated cost for tuition fees of district pupils who take the limited vocational course and then go on to Metro technical or vocational schools to complete their course?

Planning Chairman Trustee Wainwright and his committee hope to have the answers ready for the next board meeting when the next construction work necessary for the district is slated to be decided.

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Cubs, Scouts and Guides

The 2nd Thornhill Cub & Scout Mothers' Ladies Auxiliary held a Corn and Wiener Roast on the grounds at Henderson Avenue School on Friday evening, September 9th. A larger number of children and parents attended than had been expected and a few trips had to be made to the local store for extra wieners. It was a highly successful evening and proceeds from the sale went into the general funds to be used for Scout and Cub activities during the coming season.

The Cubs held their first meeting for the year on Thursday evening, September 15th and the Scouts held theirs on Wednesday, September 21st.

The 1st Thornhill Girl Guide Company have commenced their Tuesday evening meetings at Henderson Avenue School and are busy making plans for the coming season.

Henderson Avenue School has been hit by the "Population Explosion" this term with an overflow of four classrooms which are being held in portable rooms. An even greater enrolment is expected when the houses in the new subdivision nearby are occupied.

The Henderson Avenue Home and School Association have planned their first monthly meeting of the season in the school auditorium on Monday evening, September 26th, at 8 p.m. The parents will be given an opportunity to meet the teachers on this occasion. A member of the school board will be present to explain new developments in our school system.

Home and School meetings present an excellent opportunity for parents to become more familiar with and understand more fully, many phases of teaching and learning in our schools today. Try to remember this date and make a point of attending on Monday evening and every other monthly meeting in the coming

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The Thornhill United Church Womens Auxiliary, Group 1, held their first meeting of the season at the home of the President, Mrs. Jean Simpson, 53 Highland Park Blvd. on Tuesday evening, September 13th. A coffee party and Home Baking Sale was planned for Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, September 21st, at Thornhill United Church. Proceeds to go into Group Funds for church work during the coming year.

Neighbourhood Notes

Congratulations are in order for the Connor family of 51 Highland Park Blvd. and the Radford family of 83 Highland Park Blvd. A new baby boy was added to each of these families in the past month.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. Pines of 44 Steeles Ave. East who celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, September 14th. Happy Birthday to Jim Darley who is 11 years old to-day and also to Jane Goodyear who celebrates her fourth birthday to-day.

We are sorry to hear that Kenney Ross of Woodward Avenue, our former Liberal newspaper carrier, had to undergo surgery on his nose but are pleased that he is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson of 43 Woodward Avenue enjoyed a few quiet days of vacation at Lake Muskoka the week of September 5th, while grandma looked after the children.

Our condolences go out to Mrs. Mary Dobson of Highland Park Blvd. on the recent death of her father and also her grandmother who lived in England. Also to Mrs. Flo Goodyear of Woodward Avenue on the recent death of her mother and to Mrs. Doreen Barton of Meadowview Avenue who also lost a grandmother this summer.

Highland Park members of the Thornhill Ladies Bowling Club joined the group on Monday, September 19th in their first bowl of the season at the Richmond Bowling Alleys, Richmond Hill.

A lovely trousseau tea was held at home for Patricia Harris on Sunday, September 11th, 39 Woodward Avenue. A display of beautiful gifts of every description was viewed by her many friends and neighbours. Our very best wishes for a long and happy married life go out to Pat who was married on Saturday, September 17th at 4:30 p.m. in the Thornhill United Church. Pat is well known and very well liked in the neighbourhood. She was a paper carrier when she was younger and has since been very active in C.G.I. and Sunday School work. She will be missed very much by her friends but our loss will be someone else's gain. The wedding was one of the most beautiful events of the year and Pat looked gorgeous in her beautiful gown accompanied by her very pretty bridesmaid and tiny flower girl and ring bearer.

Lad Suffers Broken Arm

A 13-year-old Richmond Hill boy suffered a broken arm when he was knocked down by a car at a point opposite 165 Centre Street east at 9:26 p.m. last Saturday. Brian Mason, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Mason, 109 North Taylor Mills Drive, was taken to York County Hospital by Richmond Hill Police where he was treated. Police are still looking for the driver of the vehicle. Police say the boy was walking on the south side of Centre street proceeding east, on the travel portion of the road when struck from behind. It is pointed out that it is possible that the driver was not aware of having struck the boy. Meanwhile, the victim is making a good recovery. The investigation continues.

R. Hill Police On Special Courses

Constable D. A. Dudden and Ken Paton of the Richmond Hill Police Force are each undergoing a seven week police course. Constable Dudden is attending the RCMP school in Ottawa for study relevant to identification techniques, including fingerprinting and photography. Constable Paton is taking his basic training course at the police school in Toronto.

On the Richmond Hill Police Association front, three staffers represented the organization at last week's Police Association Convention in Toronto. They are Sgt. Gordon Deyman, secretary, Constable Ted McBrien, president, and Sgt. Wes Berseth, treasurer.

Accident Count
Chief R. P. Robbins reports that since January 1st there have been 130 accidents in Richmond Hill, 34 injuries and one fatality.

Phony Reader
A phony meter reader was reported operating in The Hill a week ago yesterday but appears to have been frightened away from his unusual means of earning a livelihood. Police say he collected \$2.75 from one home owner. Police point out that hydro meter readers carry identification cards and that any reader unable to produce such identification should be reported immediately. The investigation continues.

STOUFFVILLE—Arthur Latham will construct a \$165,000 curling arena on the former Donata Brown farm near Bethesda and is presently constructing an 18 and a nine-hole golf club on the 5th concession of Whitechurch.

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