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Markham Twp. School Area Ended High School Board Sets 1961 With Nearly \$20,000 Surplus Clerical Group Salaries

The annual financial report for 1961 of the Township School Area No. 1 of the Township of Markham, submitted to the board at their March monthly meeting held at Henderson Avenue Public School, indicated that the board ended the year 1961 with a tidy surplus of \$19,317.55, having started the year with a balance of only \$2,000.00.

Expenses for the year totalled \$289,247.44, with the largest single outlay being for teachers' salaries in the amount of \$191,699.82. Plant operation cost \$29,578.80 and the board paid a total of \$28,338.76 to Vaughan Township School Area for pupils educated in their schools. Instructional supplies cost the board \$9,085.65; transportation of pupils by school bus cost \$7,250.00; plant maintenance cost \$7,082.81 and administration costs were \$7,081.64.

These expenses were met by tax receipts of \$183,815.04 and a provincial grant of \$104,778.12. Other receipts were \$4,500.90 from other boards and \$1,586.95 for rentals. The total of receipts also includes the sum of \$11,502.00 for superannuation deductions.

An interesting point in the financial report is that such was the good management of the board that bank interest paid for the year totalled only \$4.73.

In giving the financial report for the past month, however, Trustee Frost noted that expenditures for the month were \$27,832.33 and that it had been necessary to make a bank loan of \$25,000.00 to meet these expenditures. He stated that it would be necessary to make a bank loan of \$25,000.00 each month until the Provincial grants are received in May. Last year this bank borrowing had been avoided by transferring money temporarily from capital account to meet current expenses, but this year it was not possible to do this.

The capital account for February showed expenses of \$23,557.00, \$8,000 of which was a transfer to general account. A draw of \$14,407.00 had been made to the construction company doing the work at Woodland School.

Property Report
Trustee McKay, who was acting chairman in the absence of Chairman Lionel Frost, reported for the property committee that municipal water had been installed at the 16th Avenue School. The furniture for the Woodland School addition has been ordered and would be ready for the school opening. A progress report had been received from the architects noting that progress at the Woodland School was satisfactory. As of March 9th, work was 50% completed and the completion date is set for April 30th.

More Co-operation
It was reported that the board members had met with the Markham Township Planning Board on March 1st to consider their "master plan" for this area and for Markham Township over the next 20 years. The planning board agreed to co-operate more closely with the school board and to assist them in obtaining good school sites.

Await Provincial Approval
Plans for the extension to the auditorium of the Henderson Avenue School had been sent to the Department of Education for approval. The board had not however heard from the Department on their approval for the new school in the Wycliffe Subdivision. This school site

is in law; Dr. Minton Johnson of Thornhill Baptist Church discussed theology; Mr. Roger Priestman discussed salesmanship; Mr. R. T. Tamlyn of Elgin Street discussed engineering; Dr. King of the York County Health Unit discussed medicine; Miss Petrie spoke on nursing and Mr. Heenan spoke on various aspects of the construction industry. There are four more lectures scheduled, Mr. Hallman on teaching, Mr. John Mavor on "Big Business", Mr. E. Redelmeier on agriculture, and Mr. Keith Richan on personnel work. The talks are all in a formal lecture situation at Henderson Avenue School and have been very well received by the students who have carried on lively discussions after each talk.

Junior Red Cross
In discussing the annual appeal in the schools by the Junior Red Cross, Trustee Aimone expressed herself as willing that the appeal be made but wondered if the work that is being done by the Red Cross could be brought more forcibly to the attention of the children. Trustee McKay suggested that this could be the subject of a project so the children could become aware of the work being done by this organization.

Both Woodland and Henderson Avenue Home and School Associations had observers at the meeting. Mr. E. J. Lynch, representing the Grandview Estates Ratepayers' Association was also present as an observer.

Helps Keep Home Fires Burning
Add Manufacturing Of Fireplaces To Catalogue Of Hill's Products

By Larry Emrick
Another new manufacturing business has recently started production in Richmond Hill. Although Stuart Enamelled Products has only been in operation on Industrial Road since January, the business can hardly be called new except in the sense that it's new to the Hill. Actual production of the Acorn fireplace, the business' primary line, has been carried out for the past nine years.

The name belies the trade because the company does no enamelling whatsoever, but instead is the sole manufacturer of the Acorn line of fireplaces for Canada. These fireplaces are in families, masonry units, but smaller ones, constructed of heavy gauge steel and designed for use in cottages, recreation rooms, patios or anywhere a low-cost, practical heating installation is wanted.

The operation is now in the hands of Ian Macdonald of Richmond Hill and his brother-in-law R. O. Langmuir, although when the business was first started in Toronto in 1953, it was under the direction of J. E. D. Stuart of Toronto.

The progress of the firm, which employs five people, since it was taken over by the present owners in 1957 has been startling. In the first six months of production, the business sold as many units as the previous owners had in four years. In 1961 the company experienced a 25% sales increase over 1960, and sales to date have already gone past the mark for the same time last year although this time of year is considered the low period.

The firm does not sell directly to the consumer but to such outlets as Eatons and Simpsons, hardware stores and builders' suppliers. Prices for the three models of the fireplaces range from \$40. to about \$100.

This is the first year the firm has done its own manufacturing. In previous years the company had the units assembled by various manufacturers, but with the purchase of about \$12,000 of new equipment last year, the complete operation was able to be carried on in the company's own shop. There are about five steps in the construction of an Acorn. First the various components of the unit have to be cut to shape. These are then moulded on a multi-purpose press that doubles as a punch for cutting the holes for the chimney. After that, the unit, which has now begun to take the shape of the finished product, is welded together. The fireplace then goes through a series of cleaning and smoothing operations before it is ready for painting. The only operation not carried out at the Industrial Road plant is the enamelling of some of the more expensive models. These ones, which have a porcelain finish available in three different colours, are sent to Toronto for the enamelling because the Richmond Hill shop doesn't have the equipment for such an operation.

Handles Other Products
As a second undertaking, Stuart Enamelled Products handles the assembly of a water purifier. The company has been handling the assembly of the Sterasyl water purifier for

the management committee of the York Central High School Board made a number of recommendations regarding staff when a recent board meeting was held. The schedule will include a classification for a clerk-typist with a salary range from \$2,400 to \$3,000. A new salary schedule for school secretaries was adopted, with a minimum salary of \$2,700 and a maximum of \$3,800. The scale for stenographers will be from \$2,600 to \$3,400. The annual vacation will be three weeks after six months' service and the hours of work during the summer will be 35.

The management committee will meet during March to interview prospective principals for the Bayview High School.

Attendance at Thornhill school was 921, said Principal A. S. Elson. He had hired 13 teachers, with two more under negotiation. Nine were inexperienced and were students at the Ontario College of Education at the present time. He had had between fifty and sixty applications for positions.

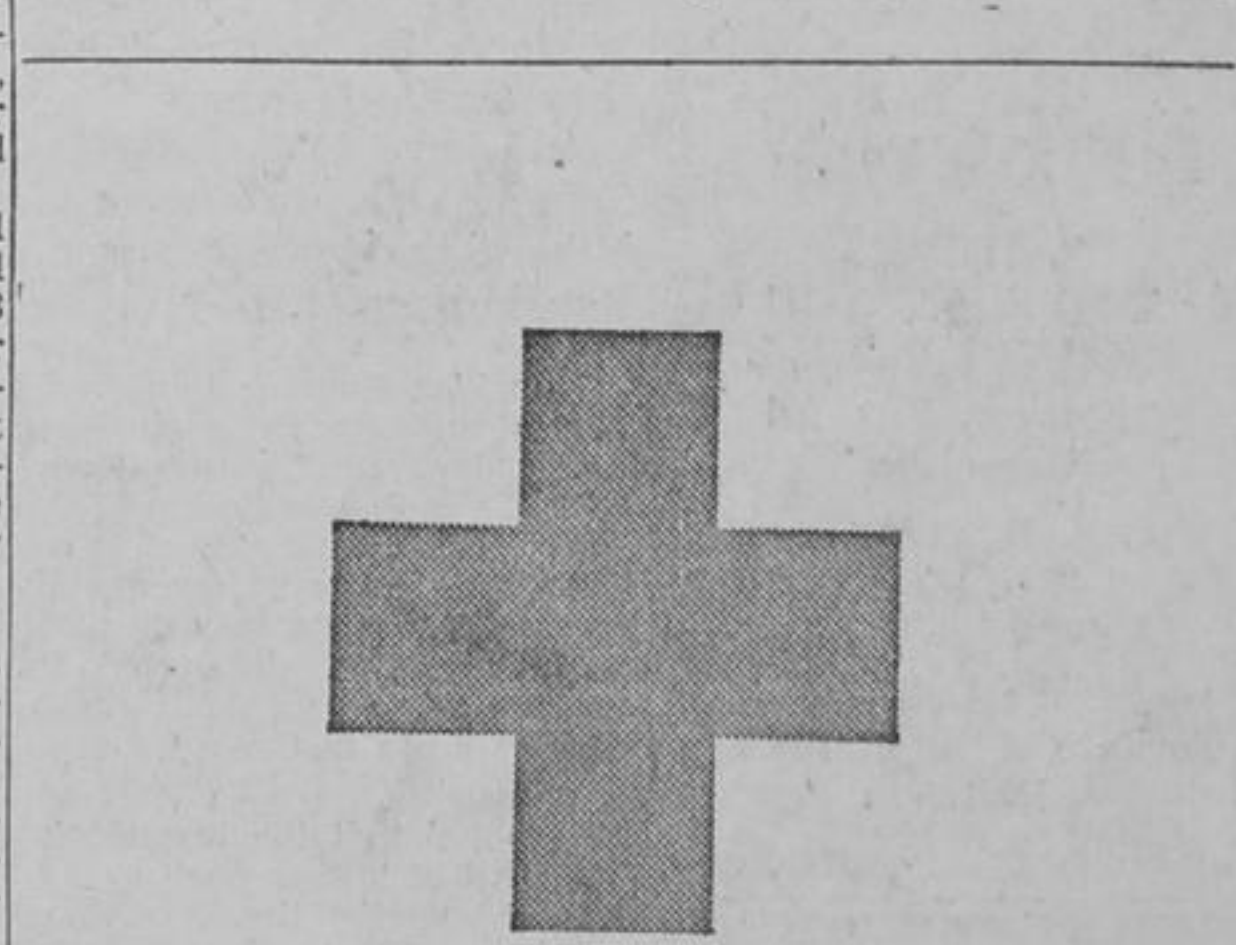
Inspect Equipment
The school board held its meeting at Thornhill school, inspecting various pieces of printing and copying equipment. Some of the latter will be employed for printing tickets, report cards, commencement programs and similar items.

Principals Report
Principals of the schools in the system reported. Principal Wright Morrow of Richmond Hill said that there had been a 93.2 per cent attendance during the month. He asked the board to finance the home

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Police Juveniles Win In League Play-downs

Richmond Hill Police Juvenile hockey team defeated Unionville 2-1 on Monday of last week. The win gave the Richmond Hill boys the best two out of three series by two straight wins and ousted Unionville from further competition in the North York League play-downs.

Rod Kelson and Doug Jamieson were the snipers for the Richmond Hill team. Camp Borden, Alliston and Schomberg are still active in the league and the Richmond Hill team now advance into the semi-final round.

In reporting for the health, safety and recreation committee, Trustee Aimone noted that first aid recommendations had been distributed to each teacher so they would know the correct procedure in dealing with an emergency. Mrs. Aimone also reported that an information sheet had gone out to all parents of children at Henderson Avenue School about protecting their children from the flooding in the school area. The classes have made a project of this, including compositions, letters and posters on the subject. The contractors had reported that the storm sewers on Proctor Avenue would move along about fifty feet per day and would be completed by the end of this week.

Trustee Aimone reported that due to the bad road conditions in the past month, the official opening of the 16th Avenue School had been delayed and it would be held on April 30th.

Salary Schedule
Correspondence received by the board included a letter from the teachers stating that they were pleased to accept the board's new salary schedule. The new salary schedule compares very favourably with Metro salaries. It provides for six categories: Pre-category (teachers having permit or letter of standing to teach in Ontario) beginning with a minimum of \$2,800.00 to a maximum of \$4,300.00; Category I, \$3,300 to \$3,400; Category II, \$3,600 to \$3,900; Category III, \$3,900 to \$4,300; Category IV (B.A.) \$4,300 to \$7,500; Category V (B.A. plus additional degree, M. Ed. or M.A.) \$4,600 to \$8,100.

In addition, the schedule allows increments of \$200 per year for approved teaching experience, up to six years. Further allowances are made for responsibilities as \$200 per year for special class teachers, \$200 per year for assistant principals, \$400 per year for supervisors, \$1,000 per year for principals of 4 to 7 room schools, \$1,300 for principals of 8-11 room schools and \$1,600 per year for principals of 12 room schools and up.

Payment of salary may be on a 10-month or 12-month basis as requested by the teacher. The board also has a cumulative sick leave plan and a retirement gratuity plan.

Green Lane Crossing
A letter from Markham Township advised the board that the Board of Transport has recommended that the Green Lane railway crossing be protected by flashing lights and a signal bell. The question of possible sidewalk on Henderson Avenue has been referred to the roads committee to be considered at their next meeting.

A letter from the Woodland Home-School Association complained that cars were using the right of way on Elgin Street driving to the rink and damage had been done. The letter suggested that posts could be placed at the entrance and the supervising principal, Mr. Sand, advised that Markham Township had promised to install such posts but are unable to do it until the frost is out of the ground.

Supervising Principal Sand's report indicated an attendance average of 91.96% during February, with a total enrollment of 1,111. "There has been a lot of illness," he stated. "There have been more teachers off this month than I can recall!"

Library
Mrs. Constance Anderson who was in charge of the library services in North York schools addressed the area's teachers' meeting on March 7th on the planning of a library and the selection of books. The board is presently considering the establishment of a central library in each school and has put some money in the estimates for this purpose.

Occupation Lectures
Mr. Sand reported that the special "occupations" lectures for grade 8 pupils have been highly successful so far. Chairman Lionel Frost addressed the pupils on the subject of a car-