

Board To Investigate Oral French

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made of it," Mr. Gibson was asked.
He replied that the additional per pupil grant in Vaughan Township would amount to a total of \$15,000 per year, no particular allocation has been made of the funds Mr. Gibson stated but he was not sure when the increase would start.
Didn't Suffer Unduly
Mr. Gibson then quoted at length from a report on the teaching of Oral French in Toronto schools in the Ontario Educational Research Journal. The article stated that three groups of children had been set up, one group taught French by means of films, one by the oral method; and a third group who had no French. It was found that the two groups who had spent part of their classroom time on French had apparently not suffered unduly as far as their other subjects went, in comparison with the control group who had had no French.
It was also found that the classes taught by the oral method did better than those using films.
The article stressed that there must be some continuity in the teaching of French between grades 8 and 9 if the benefit of the training was not to be lost. The report indicated that while the survey was by no means conclusive, results were such that they recommended a continuation of the experiment.
A poll of the various members of the school board four out of five members professing themselves as in favour of having the French taught in the schools, although they all foresaw some difficulties. Mrs. Dorothy Robinson wondered if the township was "ready for it at this time". She felt French instruction should start by Grade 4 but that there hadn't been enough research into the matter and that up to the present there had not been enough co-operation between public and high school boards.
Trustee Mrs. Mona Robertson, while expressing herself in favour of

such a program, felt that the budget could not stand the additional expense this year and that the question should be looked into more thoroughly. "I can't see it going in yet," she said.
It was pointed out however, that while there would be very little dislocation in the high school French classes this year because the Grade 9 students from T.S.A. No. 1 Markham had had French instruction only since Easter, by next year there would be a group entering high school who had had Oral French for more than a year, which would put these students far ahead of the rest of the students who had not had this. It was suggested that rather than delaying, the Vaughan Board should move as quickly as practicable. If the Oral French could begin in the Vaughan schools by January, next year's French students could start off on almost an equal footing.
The point was also raised, that many of the difficulties between nations in the world today were often the result of lack of communication and that if by helping to give the children of Vaughan Township even a slight proficiency and confidence in a second language this lack of communication between peoples could be overcome in any small degree, this would be highly beneficial.
The board was strongly urged to get in contact with other boards who have instituted Oral French programs, especially the Oakville Board of Education who have had such a program for several years and would be more fully informed, especially with the effect on the students' progress in high school French after one or more years' Oral French teaching in public school.
Chairman Kaiser assured those present that the board had every intention of doing this and set a date of October 4th when the board would meet again with the Oral French committee to advise them of their findings and their decision.



Off And Running

While Reeve F. R. Perkins looks on, Richmond Hill Mayor James Haggart (right) pushes button to start the Clairtone Stereo in a marathon time contest. Holding the clock is Vicki Paige, proprietress of the Richmond Hill Music Centre in the mall at Richmond Heights Centre on Yonge Street. Anyone can enter the contest by filling in coupons available at "The Liberal" or at any of the stores located in the centre, estimating the number of hours the stereo will play continuously before stopping. The marathon started Wednesday at noon hour. (Staff Photo)

Councillor Raps Press Coverage Of Local Affairs

Almost a dozen local municipal officials attended this year's Ontario Municipal Association convention in Niagara Falls.
Approximately 600 delegates attended the three-day meeting this week.
Mrs. Ruth McConkey, Vaughan Township councillor, was quoted in a Toronto paper as criticizing the press for only publishing the bad things rather than praising the good during the opening meeting of the convention Sunday night. The convention closed Wednesday.
Other Vaughan officials attending were Reeve Albert Rutherford and Deputy Clerk Ken Jackman.
Four representatives from Richmond Hill also attended. They were Mayor Jim Haggart, Deputy Reeve Tom Broadhurst, Councillor Margaret Southwell and Deputy Clerk Mack Clement.
In addition, Reeve Floyd Perkins attended as a county representative.
Reeve Wilfred Dean and Councillors A. R. Sumner and Charles Hooper represented Markham Township.
NEWMARKET: Newmarket High School is to operate on a shift basis until the town's new school, Huron Heights, is completed.
WILLOWDALE: More than \$400,000 worth of construction contracts was approved on 11 different jobs by North York Township Council.

Coroner Lauds Victim

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timated that 90 per cent of his body had been burnt. Only an area around his thighs and the soles of his feet were left untouched, he said.
He attributed cause of death to burns and blast injuries.
Mr. Joslin died at 8:45 p.m. Sunday at North York's Branson Hospital.
Dr. R. F. Warren was the surgeon on call at Branson on the evening Mr. Joslin was brought there.
According to Dr. Warren, the patient was still conscious when he first examined him, although he must have been in great pain. Thinking Joslin was unconscious, he remarked to a nurse that "This looks like propane burns."
Mr. Joslin defended propane. "There's nothing wrong with propane, if it's used right," he told the doctor.
Arnold P. Yoneyama, a civil engineer from the Department of Labor, came up with a plausible explanation and sequence of events for the explosion. However, he emphasized that it was only conjecture.
He speculated that a leak had developed in a tank car parked in the northeast corner of the Superior Propane property. Escaping gas had found a source of ignition and caught fire.
The flames probably followed the gas back to the car, he suggested. This increased the pressure in the tank and caused the explosion.
Pieces of metal from the tank car probably struck other tanks, causing further explosions, he said.
Mr. Yoneyama guessed that the source of ignition was the open flame of the pilot light in the water heater or furnace in the plant office or mechanical sparks caused by a gate drag-

Pupils Win Awards
Three Richmond Hill High School students have been awarded an Ontario Scholarship of \$400 for having obtained an average of at least 80 per cent on eight Grade 13 papers.
Larry Follitt, Robert Manning and David Sale wrote the examinations in June. All three plan to attend the University of Toronto next year.

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BINGO every Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Branch 375, Carrville Road. tfc48

SEPTEMBER 4 — Richmond Nursery School, 34 Elizabeth St. South, opening for Fall term. For further information, call PR. 3-5895 or TU. 4-3115. c2w7

SEPTEMBER 4 — Tuesday. The Army, Navy and Airforce bowling season will begin at 9 p.m. at the A.B.C. Bowling Academy, Yonge St. North. Anyone desiring to bowl with this league, phone Mrs. Stone at TU. 4-1247. clw9

SEPTEMBER 7 — Friday. Corn Roast and Square Dance, 8:30 p.m. St. Matthew's Church Yard, Crosby Ave. Admission 50c per person; \$1.00 per family. c2w9

SEPTEMBER 9 — Sunday. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Anniversary Sunday. At 11 o'clock service the choir will be assisted by the Graham sisters of Woodbridge; at 7:30 p.m. service the choir will be assisted by a Male Quartette from Bolton. Messages by Dr. J. A. Koffend of Fairbanks Presbyterian. c2w9

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