

Trustees Play An Important Role In School System

"If we would see monuments to the untiring labours of school trustees in this province since 1946, we have only to look about us at the new school buildings in almost every community," stated Mr. H. E. Elborn, Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario, addressing some 400 York County school trustees at their convention held at Thornhill Secondary School on October 24.

Mr. Elborn pointed out that in the past sixteen years the population of Ontario had risen by 50%; that elementary school enrollment had risen nearly 116% to 1,163,000; secondary school enrollment had increased by 141% and that classrooms had more than doubled in number, from 23,300 to 49,500.

These figures did not include the expansion now in progress for vocational education under the Federal-Provincial Technical and Vocational Agreement. Up to last June, such building projects totalled 229.

"When we reflect that all of this

amazing expansion has taken place through the initiative and under the direction of the school trustees of Ontario, it is not difficult to explain what busy people they have been," stated Mr. Elborn.

Mr. Elborn also commented on the keen and widespread interest of the public in school curricula. "I cannot remember a time when newspapers gave more coverage to school curricula than they do today. I cannot remember a time when resolutions to the Department of Education from various groups in the community so frequently dealt with the school programme, its courses, its text-books, its teaching methods," he stated, noting that this was helpful because the schools must meet the needs of not only the child but of the society in which he will live.

In discussing new teaching methods, Mr. Elborn commented, "In education, the choice is seldom that of either-or. We can prune away the dead branches without cutting down the tree. There is no one method,

no one approach. Teachers find it necessary to employ every known method and every human effort in guiding their pupils' development."

Another characteristic of today's educational scene that Mr. Elborn noted was the co-operative approach being used to solve educational problems; teachers are members of the Ontario Teachers' Federation, trustees have their trustees' council and there have been two Canadian Conferences on Education in the last few years. "This meeting this evening is typical of the pattern of school people getting together to think through some of their problems," he pointed out.

The convention opened at 5 p.m. with the viewing of exhibits and displays arranged by various suppliers of school supplies. Consultation was available with exhibitors, architects and inspectors. Following this, the trustees enjoyed a buffet style banquet in the school cafeteria and then convened in the auditorium for the business session.

The trustees were welcomed to Thornhill by Mr. Robert Ross, Chairman of the York Central District High School Board who invited them to inspect the recently equipped shop rooms in the school.

Mr. Maynard Hallman, the association's secretary, took the roll call of the 15 townships and urban municipalities which the association represents. Growth statistics for the County of York elementary schools which were given to each trustee along with their program showed that the number of classrooms in York County had increased from 288 to 798 in the past 10 years.

From 20 classrooms in 1952, Richmond Hill has leaped to 109; Markham Township from 31 to 86 and Vaughan Township from 55 to 101.

Chairman of the meeting was Reeve Norn Garriock of Woodbridge who introduced the members of a panel, Mr. J. B. Healy, Superintendent of Professional Development for the Ontario Department of Educa-

tion; Mrs. Joan Routledge, Trustee S. S. No. 21, King; Mr. A. C. Bell, Woodbridge Public School Board; Mrs. E. Lorene Kilgour, former president of Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario; and Mr. Harvey R. Wilson, Principal of Queen Elizabeth Public School, Peterborough, representing the men teacher's federation. The subject given to the panel for discussion was "The Duties and Responsibilities of Trustees, Including the Development of Teaching Skills."

The two members on the panel representing school boards seemed mainly concerned with "How Are We To Get The Money" and "How Do We Know We Are Getting Our Money's Worth?"

"We must pay fabulous salaries," stated Mrs. Routledge. "And when we pay \$700 extra for a specialist, are we getting \$700's worth of better teaching?"

Mr. Healy advised school boards to keep in close contact with their inspectors and know what qualifications their teachers hold. "The records fol-

low a teacher all her life, and as far as I know, are buried with her," he stated. He also expressed the opinion that it was wrong for boards to get the cheapest and not the best teacher. "Encourage your teachers to take additional courses," he advised, stating that he was constantly amazed at the number of teachers spending their own time improving their qualifications.

Following the discussion, the panel heard questions from the floor. A trustee from the more northerly section of the county complained that ratepayers in his area just could not afford to meet the high salaries offered in the metropolitan areas and questioned whether his children were getting as good an education. It was pointed out both by Mrs. Kilgour and Mr. Bell that although it might sometimes appear that they are not they were getting other valuable advantages in living in a more stable and more relaxed environment. "And they probably have more stable teachers, too," stated Mrs. Kilgour.



MacKillop Graduates Receive Diplomas At Exercises

Receiving diplomas for successfully completing Grade 8 is this group of MacKillop Public School students pictured at exercises held recently in the school auditorium. Front row, left to right: R. Foster, J. Bunker, S. Bowman, K. Heard, S. Laughlin, M. Queen, S. Ashworth, L. Parker, K. Pounder,

Second row: J. Fleming, D. Edwards, B. Cowan, A. Ewing, G. Benton, T. Reader, G. Lynne, E. Orser, teacher. Back row: A. Brown, M. Hannah, J. Glover, D. Little, J. Marshall, D. Mitchell, J. Pyatt, V. Howard, E. Langstaff.

St. Matthew's United Marks Fifth Anniversary In Song And The Word

The largest congregation to assemble since the opening of the new building in December 1960, met in St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill East, to mark the end of five years of life as an organized congregation, on Sunday last. Many were only seated by the use of borrowed chairs. Other features of the service revealed a joy and satisfaction in the progress that five years has seen. The praise was led by the junior and senior choirs. Other organizations were recognized in various ways. Mrs. Beth Wallace and Mr. Robert Wylie read the lessons of the day, on behalf of the United Church Women and the United Church Men. Misses Sandra Watson and Susan Dennis, and Messrs. Klaus Haessler and Albert Smalley, members of the Hi-C group of young people acted as ushers. C.G.I.T., Explorers and Brownies attended the service in uniform.

The service was opened with an offering of praise by the junior choir, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee". The senior choir sang two anthems, "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "Sanctus". Mrs. Eileen Robbins sang a solo, "Bells Over Jordan". By request of the session Mr. Patterson was the preacher for the day. He spoke from the text, Matthew 28:19 -

"Go". In developing the text he pointed out that the nature of the church can only be understood in terms of her mission. He spoke of the mission's scope as being not only to the geographical limits of the earth, but also to every aspect of human life and need. The method by which its mission is accomplished is suggested from the biblical passage, Make disciples and teach. And the promise of victory is found in the assurance of Jesus that he would be with those who went forth in his name.

With this service in this young congregation, attended as it was by a great body of her youth, St. Matthew's thanked God for the victories of the past and for the challenge of the future, and begins this week the sixth year of her organized life.

PICKERING TWP. Electors of Pickering Township voted strongly in favor of all eight questions in a recent liquor referendum.

COLLINGWOOD * * * Markham Agricultural Society has been awarded the Charles B. Boynton Trophy for having the largest number of delegates at the annual meeting of District 5 of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

James B. Smith

The passing of James Brierly Smith, husband of Harriett Marie Smith of 88 Yongehurst Road, on October 19, 1962 came as a shock to a wide circle of relatives and friends.

The late James Brierly Smith was the son of the late Duncan Campbell Smith and Jane Elizabeth Brierly, and he spent his boyhood days in Alvinston, Ontario.

Deceased was married to Kathleen Hill of Aylmer, Ontario, who passed away in January 1941. In October 1943 he married Harriett Marie Metherell.

In former years the late Mr. Smith was for sometime a resident of Montreal and Brantford coming to Toronto where he was employed with Southern Press, Toronto for 26 years when he retired from their services and has since been engaged in selling nursery stock. During this time he gained the esteem and regard of his customers by his fair methods of dealings. He was obliged during the past four months to relinquish this work due to illness.

Mr. Smith was a veteran of the first World War, a life member of the Toronto Anglers' and Hunters' Association and a member of Richmond Hill Horticultural Society.

Phillip L. Smith of Montreal, brother, he had five grandchildren.

The body rested at the Pipher Funeral Home at 126 Yonge Street North, and the funeral service was held in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, of which Mr. Smith was an ardent member. The service was conducted by the Rev. James O'Neil and assisted by the Rev. James R. Moore and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery on Monday, October 22.

Pallbearers were Edward Hill, Harry Frost, John Walsh, Donald Culham, Allan Pringle and Robert Armstrong.

The numerous floral tributes bespoke the silent testimony to the esteem in which Mr. James Brierly Smith was held.

Ex-Mayor Unhurt In 2-Car Crash

A former mayor of Richmond Hill escaped without injury from an accident Saturday on Markham Road, Richmond Hill.

Local automobile dealer William Neal, 61 Yonge St. S., was involved in a collision Saturday with a car driven by Raymond McMurray, 161 Norfolk Ave., Richmond Hill, police state.

Damage to the right front of the Neal car and left side of the McMurray vehicle, totalled \$550, according to police. Police say both cars were eastbound on Markham Road at the time of the mishap.

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