

Trustees Want Ratepayers Vote On Oral French

On a motion made by Trustee Mona Robertson of Elgin Mills at the November 8th meeting of the Vaughan Township School Area Board, the board voted 3 to 2 to have the question of whether or not to have Oral French taught in Vaughan Township put to a vote of the electors.

Mrs. Robertson noted that after several meetings with approximately 30 parents representing home and school associations in the township during the summer and fall members of the board had been polled and that none was opposed to the introduction of the Oral French. "I even laughingly agreed to introduce the necessary motion at this meeting myself," she stated.

Mrs. Robertson went on to say however, that as she was retiring from the board at the end of the year, she did not feel she could commit any other board to putting the Oral French teaching into effect. "I feel this should not be an election issue for those running for election," she stated. "I feel that if I put this motion to a vote, it will throw the question into the laps of the ratepayers."

Mrs. Robertson's motion was seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Robertson of Pine Grove and supported by Mr. Wm. Kerr, Chairman Sam Kaiser and Trustee Terry Goodwin voted against the motion.

"This is once again where a decision made in committee meeting has been reversed," stated Chairman Kaiser. "You all told the people you were in favour of Oral French in 1963. That was my opinion at the

time and I am still of the same opinion."

Trustee Goodwin instructed the secretary to record his dissent to the motion. "Not one person came to the public meetings objecting to this," he stated.

Trustee Mona Robertson suggested that if the front half of the township wanted the Oral French that it could be given to them and not to the back half. Trustee Goodwin objected heatedly to this. "This is contrary to all we have held out for so long. What is good for one section is good for all," he maintained.

When asked for a statement following the meeting, Mrs. L. Trow of the Oral French committee said that the committee was agast that members of the board had reversed their former statements. I did not think people in public office would do such a thing. I consider their actions quite irresponsible," she stated.

The greater part of the meeting was taken up discussing a submission to the board by Mr. Barry P. Hayes on the subject "deplorable conditions at Patterson School". Mr. Hayes submitted that in spite of assurances given the parents of Patterson School pupils last June, that conditions at Patterson would be corrected, nothing has been done. His written submission to the board detailed the following: the chemical toilets create an over-powering odour and suggest a possible health hazard; the water at the school remains undrinkable; conditions of floors and bathrooms "can only be described as filthy and responsibility for supervising day to day cleaning seems to be non-existent."

In addition, it was stated that a window had remained broken for weeks, a ceiling fluorescent light appears ready to fall to the floor and seemed so hazardous that the teacher had had the children move their desks from underneath it; measurements had been taken for blinds last June but have never been received and no interior painting has been done for at least three years.

"I am ashamed that this report has come here tonight. These conditions shouldn't exist," stated Trustee Mona Robertson. Chairman Kaiser admitted that the board had promised the parents washroom facilities and that they would explore the possibility of drilling a well. He stated however, "My opinion has not changed. I still think a school without bathroom facilities should not be operating."

Trustee Goodwin advised that a chlorinator had been installed at the school and three others in the township and that the water was now up to standard. He apologized for the poor maintenance at the school.

It appears that the Patterson School maintenance is in the hands of a 16 year old graduate of the township's opportunity class who had been hired on a temporary basis to see if he could do the work. Secretary N. C. Jackman admitted that the custodian had not done his job 100%. Mr. Jackman stated that repairs to the window had been ordered and also that the loose light fixture had been ordered repaired. He advised that they had had an insurance adjuster up to the building to see if the cracked plaster and loose fixture were because of the Maple explosion. He stated

ed that he had first been advised about the loose light fixture on November 1st.

With respect to the lack of bathroom facilities in the school, all the members of the board agreed the conditions were deplorable. Trustee Kerr stated that he was honestly amazed that the Patterson parents wanted the school to stay open and noted that in Purpleville where he came from, no one had objected to the closing of the school.

Trustee Goodwin estimated that it would cost approximately \$2,500 to put toilet facilities in the basement of the school and at least another \$1,500 for a well. To this would have to be added the cost of a septic tank and tile bed as well as the cost of some means of raising the wastes up to ground level. Total cost would probably be around \$5,000. To put the toilet facilities at ground level would mean an addition to the building and would cost in the neighbourhood of \$10,000.

He stated also that the board was concerned with the life of the facilities at other schools in the township and until they had some indication on this, he was not prepared to spend any money on the Patterson School. "I feel it would be the most economical and most beneficial step to look into the closing of the four schools in the township which do not have proper facilities."

Chairman Kaiser thanked Mr. Hayes for bringing the matters to the board's attention and stated that they would be given top priority.

The board then heard a delegation from George Bailey School who asked permission to transport 25

chairs from their school to the Maple Community Hall for a Christmas concert and requested that the board supply an additional fifty feet of hose to enable them to flood a larger skating rink at the school. The board acceded to both requests.

Superintendent J. A. Gibson presented to the board a very detailed and complete report on school enrolment in the township as of October 31st. This showed a total enrolment of 3,114 in the township's 22 schools. Of these, 11 schools have either one or two rooms. The Bryson School has 26 pupils, Burlington 18, Coleraine 18, Edgeley (two rooms) 43, Elder Mills (two rooms) 47, Hope (two rooms) 58, Lower Ninth 27, Old Pine Grove (two rooms) 61, Patterson 31, Twin Elms 26 and Vellore 25.

The superintendent's report also indicated that the board's application for approval of an expenditure of \$234,608.00 for grant purposes for the Roselawn School was presented to the Department of Education on September 7th and it was expected the verbal approval given would be confirmed shortly.

Property Chairman T. Goodwin reported that his committee recommended the contract for the Roselawn School be awarded to W. J. Lee Construction Limited at a price of \$205,328.00.

The property committee report also recommended that no action be taken with respect to a parcel of land, one and one third acres, south of Powell Road School which had been offered for sale at \$25,000.00. The committee also recommended that permission be granted to the Uplands Gardens Association to establish a

rink at Langstaff School. All recommendations in this report were passed unanimously by the board.

The board also passed the recommendation of the management committee that they accept transportation contracts at a total cost of \$2,900 per month for September and \$3,000 per month for the remaining eight months of the school year. It was noted that transportation had cost the board \$2,000 per month last year but that several dangerous and distressing problems had been cleared up by the new transportation schedule.

In her report for the finance committee, Trustee Mrs. Dorothy Robertson noted that a meeting had been arranged between the committee and Mr. Murray Harris of Wilton Eddis and Company, the board auditors to determine the advisability of engaging the firm to prepare a survey of the operation costs of one and two room schools as compared with the establishment of central schools. Mr. Harris named a tentative figure of \$350.00 for the one week's work required in preparing such a survey. The committee recommended that the board take no action on the matter at this time. Trustee Goodwin asked the secretary to record his dissent with this section of the finance committee's report.

The board approved unanimously the finance committee's recommendation that an application be made to the Department of Education for final approval for grant purposes of \$226,200.00 and that Vaughan Township be asked to issue debentures of \$225,000.00 for the construction of the Roselawn School.

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Round-The-World Fair

Last minute plans are being made for the "Round-the-World Fair" to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill on November 23, 7:30 to 9:30 and Saturday afternoon, November 24, from 2 to 4:30.

As the name implies, the fair is on an international theme with articles for sale from many different countries, and the convenors have been extremely ambitious.

At the "France" booth, Doreen Marks and Yvonne Tomlin will be offering French cosmetics and snoods. At the "Canada" booth, Olive St. John reports that she will have bird feeders and children's Indian headresses. At the U.S. booth, Betty Tyson will have golf club covers and barbeque aprons. Peggy Smith and Vera Akroyd will bring excitement from the Orient with Chinese tea cups, incense and silk scarves.

From Scotland, and just in time for Christmas gift giving, will be woollen scarves, shawls and tartan ties, presided over by Pat Hedges. A little bit of Ireland, will be presented by Mary Hill in the form of embroidered linen cloths, pillow cases, aprons and shamrock plants. Marie Miller advises that "Storkland" will have everything for the diaper to five-year old set from rattles, bonnets and night gowns on up.

And a fair at this time of the year would not be complete without Christmas decorations. Gwen Kidney promises everything from wreaths to music boxes.

The foreign food centre will present home baking made from recipes culled from different countries as well as good old fashioned Canadian cakes and pies, all with Ruth Gall in charge. The delicatessen will feature pizza, Italian spaghetti sauce, jams and jellies, all ga-

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thered by Bonnie Cox. Audrey Davis will be convenor of the Old Curiosity Shoppe which will feature china, jewellery and white elephants.

The fair will also have many special attractions. On Friday evening there will be a demonstration of square dancing by the young people of the Bible Class. Members of the choir will bring a touch of Old England as English waiters and will sing some of the favourite carols.

On Saturday, there will be Scottish dances by the younger girls and boys, led by Mrs. M. Foster. The village folk dancers from Buttonville will perform, with Jane McLaren of Holy Trinity as one of the dancers. Also on Saturday, there will be a "French" artist present to do your portrait.

For the children there will be a gypsy carnival with games of chance, a marionette show, fish pond, hot dogs, popcorn etc. Good used books and toys will also be had in the children's room.

As an extra special attraction, Archdeacon G. A. Andrew will bring his beautiful collection of Chinese treasures to the fair. Archdeacon Andrew spent 30 years as a missionary in China and is Archdeacon of the Chinese Church. He will be in authentic Chinese dress and will explain the history of each of his treasures.

Coffee will be served at the French Cafe on Friday evening and afternoon tea will be offered at the English Tearoom on Saturday.

It looks as if the ladies of the Holy Trinity WA have gone all out to make this a really bang-up affair, so you'd better go and make a big red X on your calendar for November 23 and 24 so you will be sure to remember!



Woodland Pupils Receive Diplomas

At graduation exercises held recently at Woodland Public School these happy pupils received their Grade 8 diploma. Front row, left to right: P. Chambers, B. Heer, J. Sumner, D. McLean, M. Hunter, J. Henry, L. Brain, R. Clow, L. Gray, J. Robinson C. Whitmore P. Skinner, R. Cordingley, S. Morgan, S. Richardson, A. Panza and H. Menzies. Back row: G. George, Gordon Learn, principal, T. Tamblin, C. Calvert, P. Tyther, M. Evans, K. Thomas, T. Vaage, D. Bagg, A. Woolley, Mrs. Windrim, teacher, and B. Skinner. Absent, S. Bonnice and B. Mott. (Photo by Barbour)

Langstaff & Thornlea News

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A group of Langstaff residents attended Markham Council Meeting November 5 to protest the infiltration of undesirable industry into the area bounded by the CNR tracks East on Highway 7 to Bayview Ave., and south to Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mr. Roberts, Essex Avenue, acted as spokesman for the group and told council how the Richvale Wreckers had purchased property on Cedar Avenue and were lowering the value of the surrounding property.

Protest was also made concerning the used car lot and wrecking yard on the corner of Essex Avenue and Highway 7. Ivor Williams stated how oil from the wrecking yard had been carried by the spring rains over his front lawn, and his property.

Also brought to council's attention were several new buildings allowed to be erected in this area that do not conform to the building bylaws.

Residents asked that a full enquiry be carried out as to the bylaws of the community and that residents are made to conform.

A request was also made that a meeting with the planning board be organized in the very near future. It was agreed to await the outcome of a court case due for hearing in the near future.

Residents were assured by council they would by no means jeopardize any future position in regards to this case by doing this.

Guide and Brownie News

The 1st Langstaff Guides and Brownies' Parents Committee presented a fall fashion show at the Thornhill Golf Club November 6.

Parents and visitors were welcomed by President Mrs. Edith Patte who introduced Mrs. Dorothy Wilson as commentator for the hats provided by Belina Hat Shop, Willowdale.

The hats were beautiful creations in the newest of fall colors and materials, among them being a white mouton picture hat, modelled by Mrs. Pat Cunningham.

Mrs. Holt, the evenings convenor, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Cobourn, who showed slides of the women of Pakistan and samples of their embroidery.

The table cloths, tray cloths and mats were organdie and the scarfs of chiffon. These articles are sold in Canada by members of the WA of the Anglican Church without profit and the money is then returned to Pakistan.

Following the film and display the hostesses served lunch. Thornlea Home & School.

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The home baking disappeared as fast as it was set out and the hot dog stand was a popular meeting place for young and old, as was the tea room where both visitors and workers finally gathered.

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And apologies, mes amis, if Thornhill Notes appear somewhat skimpy, but your reporter has become something of a roving reporter, covering happenings in Markham, Richmond Hill and Maple just recently (I was booked to cover a meeting every night this week). So you see I can't get to everything and would be glad to have a phone call from anyone with any little items to report. It would be nice if all the organizations in the district would appoint a publicity director who could call after every meeting and tell us what went on.

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A white toque with black satin ribbon trim was modelled by Mrs. Edwina Wilson. Black fox pill box modelled by Mrs. Ruth Ann Walker brought some envious glances from a lot of the ladies present as did, the white beaver, appliqued with white velvet modelled by Mrs. Joyce Burton.

Mrs. Anite Clark, looked lovely wearing a black diamond mink creation that any woman would be proud to own.

All the ladies are Guide and Brownie mothers and have never modelled before.

Mrs. Dorothy Wilson did an excellent job of commenting for these lovely chapeaux. One very lovely creation was fashioned from Autumn Haze Mink, and another from crushed velvet in rich raspberry and plum shades.

Mrs. Patte then introduced Miss Jay Davies, international fashion expert to comment on the fashion wigs shown by Colleen Caspar and fur coats and stoles from the salons of Cooper Furs Ltd., Weston.

The fashion wigs are made of human hair from Austria, Germany and Italy.

The fur coats were breathtakingly beautiful being fashioned from oyster beaver, blue iris mink, homosaya mink and Persian lamb.

The distribution of prizes by Mrs. Marion Neale and Mrs. Patte followed and the evening closed with the serving of tea, coffee and dainties.

Mrs. Patte and her committee deserve high praise for their excellent organization of this big event and Mrs. Marion Neale for her behind the scenes help.

The make-up of the Brownie mothers was under the direction of Julie Ross of Beauty Counsellor Cosmetics.

Mark - Vaun WI
Mark-Vaun Women's Institute held its November meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Shearer, Langstaff Road.

After the opening of the meeting, members and guests answered the roll call, "My Grandfather's Occupation".

It was decided to hold further discussion on the finishing of a hospital room at the next meeting.

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17 Area Guide Heads Meet At Thornhill

The district commissioners of the York Central Division met at the home of Division Commissioner Mrs. P. McTaggart-Cowan, Thornhill, on October 24. Seventeen commissioners and ex-commissioners were present.

After the Guide prayer, Mrs. McTaggart-Cowan welcomed Mrs. H. Currie, deputy area commissioner and the new commissioners for the area, Mrs. D. M. Walker of Markham, Mrs. C. Cartner of Oak Ridges, Mrs. D. Crampton of Richmond Hill West, Mrs. H. Jarman of Richmond Hill and Mrs. E. Scarsbrook of Stouffville and Ballantrae. A special welcome was also given to the new division Brownie trainer, Mrs. R. J. Fleming, Mrs. P. Hall, division secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting.

After a very full business meeting, including reports on all districts. Mrs. R. Staton, former division commissioner of Scarborough, and now in the York Central Division, showed pictures taken on her recent trip to Denmark where she had accompanied a group of 13 guides at an international guide camp there.

Lucky winners in the main draw were: Loblaw gift package, Dawn Taylor; radio, Mrs. Philip; turkey, Mrs. Sturnats; hair dryer, Mr. Kinzinger; picnic ham, Kevin McGee, hat case, Thornhill Paint Supplies, meat carving board, Ann Sherman, flashlight, Mrs. Karner, nut bowl, N. Radonovitch, toaster, G. Holden, perfume, Mr. Perry.

In all, over 30 prizes were distributed and the Thornlea Home and School staff extend their grateful thanks to all who donated gifts.

So now this has been brought to a successful conclusion we realize it is definitely fall and our attention turns to our next big event, the graduation banquet the end of November.

Birthday greetings to Robert Sturatt who was five November 5 and Michael McQueen who was 13 November 8. Michael will be entertaining some of his friends at dinner and a show Friday evening.

Mrs. Edna Charles is progressing satisfactorily in the Branson Hospital where she was admitted following a recent stroke. Also in Branson Hospital is Lyall Stewart of York Printing. He also was admitted recently due to a heart condition. Although Mr. Stewart was very sick during the weekend and was in oxygen tent on Sunday, he is now showing signs of improvement.

MARKHAM: Paul W. J. Mingay has been elected president of the Markham Township Progressive Conservative Association.

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