

Little Interest In Vaughan Elections

Contrast between the 1960 and 1962 elections in Vaughan Township was typified by a ratepayers' meeting Thursday night at Powell Road School. Only 13 residents turned out to hear aspirants to council and school board posts.

In 1960, Powell Road was packed with irate ratepayers. Only real debate of the evening came in the question and answer period during a discussion of the department of education's overgrant of \$78,000. Errors by the department re-

sulted in a grant \$78,000 too large. The school board has had to pay about \$27,000 back this year and will refund the remainder in 1963.

Trustee Terry Goodwin estimated the error would raise the school rate five mills.

School board candidate Ross Jolliffe of Thornhill, asked: "Why did the school board spend \$78,000 when it didn't know where it came from?"

"You don't ask the department where grants come from," replied Chairman Sam Kaiser. "The department doesn't make mistakes."

"You had four months to find out about the mistake in the grant," replied Bert Stevenson of Maple, another new candidate.

Mr. Kaiser called Mr. Goodwin's estimate of a five mill increase exaggerated. He estimated the revenue produced by five mills at over \$120,000 and predicted a surplus of \$30,000 in 1962 operations after repayment of the \$27,000.

Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson, who was returned to his post by acclamation, opened the meeting with only eight ratepayers in the audience. He called Vaughan "one of the most interesting townships in southern Ontario". Residents and the municipality must look to the day when the area will expand greatly, he warned.

BUTTONVILLE NEWS

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It seems difficult to believe but Christmas is less than three weeks away. Last Saturday we put Christmas lights on our trees, listened to the Grey Cup game (fogbound) and cut a few stray blades of grass — all in sunny shirt sleeve weather.

White Gift service will be held at Brown's Corners United Church next Sunday, with Sunday School and church combined at 11:30 a.m. Miss Hart of the Fred Victor Mission, will be the speaker, and the junior choir under the direction of Mrs. George Hooper will sing.

The Christmas concert will be held in the Christian Education room at the church December 19. On the same day the UCV will hold their Christmas meeting.

The Cancer Society Benefit will be held in Buttonville W.I. Hall December 14, and the sponsoring group are planning an interesting evening of bridge and euchre.

Mrs. Gordon Purves is convening draw prizes, and Buttonville W.I. social and work committees are in charge of refreshments and arrangements.

The children in the community will be entertained by the Victoria Square and District Lions Club members at Buttonville W.I. Hall December 8.

Last year there was such an enthusiastic response to this invitation that the hall was bursting at its seams and Santa Claus had to resort to nickels and dimes in lieu of surprise packages. There will be films and fun.

Mrs. S. J. English has been on the sick list recently. On Sunday Joy Fuller, who recently represented York Presbytery Y.P.U. at a conference in Hespeler, played the organ at Brown's Corners.

On Monday of last week Arnold Farms Market was closed. The community regrets this reversal for the Arnold family. George Arnold has been in poor health for more than a year now.

Year-old Gerald Rescor, who recently celebrated his first birthday by learning to walk, had his first serious fall last Sunday morning. He cut his nose and had to have stitches to repair the damage.

The Patterson family visited Meaford last Sunday.

Mrs. Yvonne Mathieu has recently taken over as beauty counsellor in the area.

A W.I. quilt was completed at the home of Mrs. Mary Rodick last week.

Mrs. A. W. Miller entertained at tea for several neighbors last week. Among the guests were Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Hampstead, Mrs. K. Johnston, Mrs. Clayton Jones, Mr. H. R. Paterson and Mrs. Fred Leaf.

Mrs. Charles Hooper was a sturdy supporter at every meeting during her husband's campaign for municipal office.

The former Nelson Boyington home at the corner of Highway 7 and Don Mills Road has a 'sold' sign on it. We understand that the Lohman family who reside there do not have to move.

Douglas DeNiks, whose parents recently moved from Hughson Drive to Agincourt, entertained several local friends last Saturday — Paul and Philip Johnson and Donald Yeates.

Buttonville has made quite a donation to the Unionville Atoms. The 'Buttonville Line' of aspiring hockey players at the Crosby Memorial Rink lists Wayne and Stephen Bobbett, Paul and Philip Johnson, Roger Warnock, Josh Lohman and Greg Hood. They were in the cellar for a few games, but last week they had a shut-out and were walking on air.

Buttonville School graduates (1962) will be entertained at dinner December 10, at Buttonville W.I. Hall. Among the guests will be the graduating class, their parents, school board representative to TSA 3 S. R. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson, Inspector and Mrs. Maynard Hallman, Buttonville teachers and their husbands and wives.

Euchre To Resume
It was a close race Friday evening of last week at Buttonville W.I. Hall the final game of the current autumn series.

At the end of the previous game approximate scores had been: Miss Evelyn Trimble (281), Mrs. Olga Denby (279) and Charles Attridge (271).

Friday evening Mr. Attridge added 92 to this score, bringing him the winning total of 363, and a plump Christmas turkey.

Miss Trimble's score was 80 and Mrs. Denby had a disappointing 56.

Prizes for the evening were won by H. Mizen, H. Hill, C. Attridge, Mrs. M. Klinck, Mrs. S. Trimble and Alice Brown.

The lucky draw went to Mrs. Russell Boyington.

There were 13 tables. Hostesses were Miss C. Brodie, Mrs. J. Cook, Mrs. Francey and Mrs. McGimpsey.

The Cancer Society euchre will be played December 14.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred Mason, a son Harvey, Guelph; Nancy, Mrs. James Wolfe, Unionville; and Gordon, at home.

Also surviving are brothers and sisters: Alex, Gertrude (Mrs. D. Hood), Jean (Mrs. R. Thomson), Marguerite (Mrs. J. Ash), Laura (Mrs. Norman Reid), Della (Mrs. L. Dimma), Dorothy (Mrs. J. Rutherford), and Newton.

From the Pipher Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, the service was held Friday afternoon, November 30, at Brown's Corner's United Church, with Rev. Dr. A. F. Binning officiating. Burial was at the adjoining cemetery.

Honorary pall bearers were J. W. Russell, Clark Young, Howard Silver, W. Craig, George Lake and Henry Coleman. Pallbearers were college classmates and friends of Harvey Brown.

Completion of the township's first road-needs study during the last two years will lead to more orderly and cheaper program for township roads, he said. Mr. Keffler promised the same thing as he promised in 1960, "the best I've got."

Maple housewife Councillor Mrs. Ruth McConkey thanked ratepayers for helping make her the first woman to sit on council. She had tried to show her gratitude by working hard, and attending more council and committee meetings than any other member of council.

As chairman of the waterworks committee, Mrs. McConkey took credit for obtaining faster service for water users by installing two-way radios in waterworks trucks.

John Neufeld of Maple, who ran fourth in the 1960 elections, charged that, in spite of council promises, taxes have continued to go up. He attributed part of the increased costs to over-staffing of the municipal offices and the township police department.

Mr. Neufeld called for council to provide more leadership for the municipality.

A second newcomer, Milt Savage, stated he could provide representation on council that

as they like." Chairman W. T. Palin told "The Liberal" after the meeting he had been on the verge of warning Mr. Goodwin that he could not ask the press to suppress news coming out of a public meeting.

He explained that he had opposed submission of the question of oral French to the voters, but was strongly in favor of oral French.

He charged that the three board members who had put through the motion calling for the plebiscite had favored oral French in public and then "flipped".

Mr. Goodwin stressed the importance of raising the quality of elementary school education, especially in Grades 7 and 8 in an effort to narrow the gap between public and high school. He suggested establishment of senior public schools.

New candidate Ross Jolliffe told the meeting he would endeavor to raise the standard of education. "We must get back to the basics of education," he said.

"We need more imaginative and progressive thinking on the board," he said. "The board must have a plan for education and must keep the public informed of what it is doing."

Chairman Sam Kaiser of Kleinburg, who has been a school official for 26 years, answered charges that Vaughan teachers are not up to par by noting that none of the 14 new teachers hired by the board had had a standing of below B plus at Lakeshore Teachers College. The board had interviewed over 70 applicants, he said.

"We are getting the best teachers trained in this province," he added.

Mr. Kaiser explained that schools are big business. The school board spends a million dollars a year in Vaughan, he said. He deplored the lack of

interest in schools and in municipal affairs as evidenced by the slim turnout at the meeting.

One of the two board members who opposed placing oral French on a plebiscite, Mr. Kaiser expressed concern that the problem would become a political football.

Trustee Mrs. Dorothy Robertson of Pine Grove, made "no apologies for seconding the motion which put oral French on the plebiscite."

She expressed concern over whether or not requests for teaching of oral French represented the majority of the people. A plebiscite would have given the board a chance to find out the people's real opinion, she said.

Mrs. Robertson denied charges she was shirking responsibility by trying to have the question put to a vote. "Responsibility for the ultimate decision would still lie with the board," she said.

Maple resident Bert Stevenson avoided oral French as an issue to attack the board's method of conducting public business.

Mr. Stevenson claimed he had attended many board meetings on behalf of ratepayers groups and had answers to direct questions refused or evaded.

He charged that many letters to board and board officials had never been answered.

"I have seen the individual who appeared alone stepped on and I have seen the board give in to groups," Mr. Stevenson added.

"I have acquired a reputation for being a disturber," he said, "but elected officials must lead and they cannot lead by keeping voters in the dark."

Lorne Wells of Maple, offered his background as a chart-

ered accountant as an asset to conducting school board business. He had been forced to acquire the ability to make the right decision quickly, he said.

Mr. Wells promised to approach each school problem with an open mind, assess the facts and come up with a decision.

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Thursday, December 6th, 1962

between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. by the Returning Officer.

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