

## Supporters Halt Plans To Ask Council's Help

Public school supporters in Lake Wilcox have been forced to shelve plans to go to Whitchurch Township in an effort to ease their school tax burdens.

Ratepayers in S.S. 13, Whitchurch, were hit hard by increased taxes several years ago when a separate school board was set up, while they were still paying for a recently built public school.

Spokesman for the public school supporters have contended Whitchurch Township Council has been incorrect in relieving separate school supporters of their responsibility for debt service payments on the building.

Plans to take the problem to Whitchurch Township Council were announced by Linden Hall, South Road, at the annual meeting of ratepayers from S.S. 13.

Decision to drop the matter came when ratepayers learned a court precedent had been set in Grantham Township, when it was ruled that separate school supporters could not be taxed to help pay such debts.

Debentures were required when a new building was constructed in 1952 and for an addition to the building in 1955. Only 10 of the 14 rooms in Lake Wilcox Public School are now in use.

Formation of the separate school board led to an increase of \$150 in school taxes per home the first year, a spokesman estimated.

## Rule 4 Trustees Must Run Again For Board Seats

Four members of Richmond Hill Public School Board will not have to stand for re-election this fall.

Town Clerk Russell Lynett attended Thursday night's board meeting to draw lots to decide which member from each ward would stand for re-election this fall and for re-election in 1964.

Standing this fall will be Basil Pappas, Mrs. Ruth Castle, W. A. "Dick" Hutchinson and Donald Scott.

David Stephenson, Harold Sanderson, Mrs. Deena Simpson and Jack Knott will serve for two years.

With the establishment of a ward system, trustees' terms were extended to two years, with one of the two trustees from each ward completing his term each year.

Thursday night's draw was necessary to get the system started.

## Parents Discuss

# Personality & Social Development

Mrs. G. C. V. Hewson's subject for the third week in a six-week child guidance course sponsored by the local Y.W.C.A. and public library was "Personality and Social Development".

General patterns in various age groups were indicated to show:

**First Year**  
Trust and mistrust. At a very early age the infant will soon get to know that if he is well taken care of a cry from him will bring either parent to check to see to his needs, and parents these days are doing a competent job where physical needs are concerned.

**Second and Third Year**  
Dependence - Independence - Autonomy. The independence

at this level is a healthy, though frequently difficult, stage. The child is ready if his feelings of comfort and trust have been satisfied to encourage him to reach out and try new things. The sooner parents learn to handle this, the better for themselves and the child. A loss of confidence results if he is continually "squeezed" in his efforts. Note: "Contrariness" is normal at this level.

**Fourth Year**  
Imagination and Imitation. This is the "I am what I can imagine" stage. The four-year-old begins to step out from his immediate needs and sees the world about him. The imagination works so rapidly now, it is

not uncommon for him to believe he will be something different "when he grows up" several times a day! Parents hear some fascinating "stories" at this age. Independence is becoming stronger and physical activity often "rambunctious". This is one age fathers can play an important part by taking little trips to the fire hall and other local spots of interest, construction sites, etc.

**Fifth Year**  
Industry. "I Am What I Can Do." Parents may say: "What! Industry from a five-year-old?" But school work becomes interesting, children engage in strenuous outdoor play, and they do work hard at what they do. Schools are making good use, as a result of child study, of children's needs today. They are no longer required to be still for long periods of time as they used to, and the programme is varied so as to include shorter, more productive, periods rather than long dull ones. Parents can develop a sensitivity to needs here, and even if pre-occupied, take a bit of time to help with, i.e., a quiet pre-bedtime game. It rarely fails that parents are most interested when the newspaper is most interesting, but completely normal in the best-run homes!

## Honor 4 Ex-Trustees For Community Service

Richmond Hill Public School Board Thursday night presented the four retiring members of the 1962 board with scrolls honoring them for their service to the community.

Scrolls went to Joe Rabinowitch, Mrs. Ruth Worrell, Ronald Firman and Donald Plaxton.

"We would have been remiss if we hadn't mentioned you for your public service", Chairman Harold Sanderson said. "Each of you has contributed in some tangible way."

"The 1963 board faces a real challenge," Mr. Sanderson warned. "This is the first time I have ever seen 50 per cent of the board throw in the sponge the same year."

Mr. Sanderson paid special tribute to Mr. Rabinowitch, the senior member of the 1962 board. He predicted the board would miss Mr. Rabinowitch's legal background.

Mr. Rabinowitch recalled that when he was elected to the board in 1956, there was no superintendent, business administrator or full-time secretary.

"I can remember going out to what is now Beverley Acres that winter to have a look at the subdivision, see how many homes were being built, and decide how many new rooms we would need," he recalled.

Ex-trustee Worrell, who was first elected in 1960, called for continued attention to the problem of educating exceptional children.

Ronald Firman, who served for two years on the board, expressed regret that a change in provincial legislation had forced him off the board because he was still an English citizen.

Mr. Plaxton, who has served on both Richmond Hill and York County councils, explained he had only served on the board for a year "to satisfy his curiosity about how the schools were being run."

"Members of municipal and county councils aren't in the same class as school trustees when it comes to hard work and intelligent discussion," Mr. Plaxton stated.

## Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

Dr. Carl Attwood, Professor of Entomology, University of Toronto, was the speaker at the January 18th meeting of the Naturalists' Club.

He gave a detailed study of the several saw-flies which cause damage to our forests. His spectacular photographs showed the remarkable work many parasites do in naturally combating the spread of the pests. There were predator parasites, such as spiders and dragon flies which feed on the hosts; the diptera (flies) which lay eggs in the larvae and under the heading of fungus, bacteria and virus diseases and protozoa.

One area has been ravaged extensively enough to kill vast forests, that area becomes a target for future gigantic fires—example—the Mississauga fire of 1948 in which the boundary of the fire closely followed the boundaries of a spruce budworm epidemic area.

When man uses his own commercial insecticides it partially controls the spread of the pest, but it hasn't yet been ascertained how it affects the natural relationships and to weigh the advantages or disadvantages, as the case might be, resulting from such procedures.

There are about 25,000 species of insects in York County, 50 of which are numerous enough to concern the farmers, gardeners and foresters. One pest which is now at a low ebb is the tomato worm. This past summer when the univer-

sity laboratory work, they found it difficult to find a tomato patch which was really infested. One farmer who thought his tomatoes were badly infested had only two collected a pint and a half from a large area. The cecropia moth larva has also been attacked by disease and that accounts for the absence of cocoons this winter.

The tent caterpillar is returning and is definitely on an upward trend. It will possibly reach this area abundantly within two years. Dr. Attwood had photographs showing how beautiful this caterpillar can be at close range. En masse they are far from being picturesque and we shudder when we think of 2,000 defoliating a tree within a few hours. When this happens to a popular tree it eventually comes out into a second feeble leafing and survives, but the birch is apt to die. The tent caterpillar never eats poison ivy, sumach and, very rarely, red maple.

The influx of winter migrants has been very slow this year. There have been only two observations of evening grosbeaks (flock of around four), one snowy owl and one hawk owl. Bob Campbell had a female goshawk as an unwelcome visitor to his farm.

Dr. W. Swinton, head of Life Sciences, Royal Ontario Museum, will speak on Archaeopteryx at the February meeting in the Gordon McLaren auditorium of the public library.

## Blame Slippery Roads For Rash Of Accidents

Richmond Hill Police report a rash of minor accidents during the past week, resulting from slippery roads and hazardous driving conditions.

Police investigated three accidents Saturday afternoon, all blamed on slippery roads.

In one three-car collision at Centre Street and Newkirk Rd., three Richmond Hill residents received minor injuries late Saturday afternoon.

Police report James Rice, 155 Norfolk Ave., Richmond Hill, pulled onto Centre Street into the path of a car driven by Natalie Ferraro, 408 Allencourt Cr., Richmond Hill.

A third car driven by Robert R. Knapp, 336 South Paliser Cr., Richmond Hill, became involved after the first collision.

Treated for bruises were No-reen Knapp, Mr. Knapp and David Needham, 337 South Paliser Cr., all passengers in the Knapp car.

Police, who are still investigating the accident, estimate damage at \$1,120.

About \$180 damage resulted earlier Saturday afternoon when a car driven by Ernest Lottner, 23 Moray Ave., Lake Wilcox, making a left turn out of Richmond Heights Centre

on Yonge Street, was struck in the rear by a car driven by John Mintz, 272 St. Germaine Ave., Toronto.

No charges have been laid.

Wet and icy roads were blamed by police for a rear-end collision in front of 153 Yonge St. North.

According to police, Kenneth LeGrow, 140 Humber Cr., King City, collided with the rear of a car driven by John Paul Burgess, 174 Elmwood Ave., Richvale. No charges have been laid.

Both drivers involved in an accident Thursday afternoon at Yonge Street and Markham Rd. say they went through a green light, according to police.

Police said no charges have been laid against either Margaret M. Mulligan, 28 Maple Ave., Richmond Hill, or Johannes Kolkman, 21 Westwood Lane, Richvale.

Snow-packed slippery roads caused an accident Wednesday afternoon at Libby Boulevard and Altamira Road.

Total damage to cars driven by Peter O'Connor, R.R. 2, Stouffville, and Bette MacKenzie, 248 Mill St., Richmond Hill, is estimated at \$300 by police.

## ELGIN MILLS JEFFERSON NEWS

Evening Branch St. John's Anglican Church TU, 4-2708

**Neighborhood Notes**  
The Community Club treated the children of Jefferson School to an hour's skating at Richmond Hill Arena on Friday afternoon.

Peter Gould and his father attended the open house for Toronto model railroaders at the model railway factory in Toronto on Saturday afternoon. They were also on hand at the CNR station in Richmond Hill Sunday morning to see the steam train on its special excursion to Washago. This train was chartered by the Upper Canada Railway Society.

Mr. Wm. W. Zimmerman is still in Sunnybrook Hospital convalescing from a heart attack. We hope Mr. Zimmerman will soon be able to return home.

The 1st Jefferson Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a skating party on Saturday at Richmond Hill Arena with about 30 in attendance. After skating they were treated to hot dogs and hot chocolate at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McFee, Bathurst St.

The group committee will be holding a meeting on February 3 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ensor.

Miss Linda Drew of London, England, whose parents live on Elgin Mills Road, has been engaged by Cunard Steamship Lines as part of their entertainment program during three trips between Liverpool and New York. Linda's current act consists of playing the guitar and singing folk songs. This week, while her ship has been in port, she has been performing at Greenwick Village. Miss Drew has lived in England for two years. During that time she has done some club singing and appeared on TV in musical programs and commercials.

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