



(Photo by Wainwright)

Lieutenant Governor, Bishop Wilkinson St. Mary's Dedication Service

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honorable W. Earl Rowe is pictured with Right Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, Bishop of Toronto, as he arrived for the dedication of the new stone church of St. Mary's Anglican, Monday evening, in the picture at the left.

A portion of the overflow congregation which began collecting at least an hour before the time of the dedication service is shown above as the procession forms after the service attended by civic and religious leaders of the community.

The beauty and purity of line of the interior of the new church is clearly evident in this picture.



Public School Board

Refer Honorarium, Oral French 1965 Trustees For Consideration

Whether Richmond Hill Public School Trustees will receive a monthly honorarium will be decided by next year's board, was the decision reached Thursday night of last week by this year's board.

Bill 52, an act to amend the schools administration act provides that a board with more than three trustees may pay to each trustee, except those appointed to a board of education for secondary school purposes only, for each month an honorarium not exceeding an amount based on the average daily attendance of pupils in the schools operated by the board in the preceding year. The bill sets out the maximum monthly honorarium which may be paid.

teacher or official of the board to travel on designated business of the board and may reimburse the trustee, teacher or official his actual expenses for transportation, room and meals or such lesser amount as may be determined by the board.

A board may provide for a deduction of a reasonable amount from honorarium of a trustee because of absence from regular or committee meetings of the board.

Oral French
The board also left the matter of a study of Oral French in a platoon system with a home room teacher responsible for half of each day's work, the other half being spent on a rotary basis with teachers who will be specializing in one subject.

In Richmond Hill where board may authorize a trustee.

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But A House Divided...

Gordon Forecasts Exciting Future

Misses One Steer Hits Second

An Oak Ridges man got quite a shock last Sunday morning when he and his wife, driving over the brow of a King Sideroad hill, came face to face with a large Black Angus steer.

William Dickinson, 44, of 30 Maple Street, swerved his car to miss the big black beast and ran smack into another in the ditch.

Both Dickinsons were shaken and slightly injured and their car was damaged about \$700 worth; the steer valued at \$700 suffered a broken leg and was eventually destroyed, according to King Police Chief Leslie Pengelly.

OMB Hearing In King City Nov. 30

The Ontario Municipal Board has set a November 30 hearing date to consider whether to incorporate the 375 acre police village of King City.

Trustees John Mann, Donald Findlay and Ross Farquhar applied for the altered administration which would be headed by a reeve and four councillors.

In the meantime, two petitions for and against incorporation are circulating among ratepayers.

The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in the village office.

High School Secretary Suffers Heart Attack

Mrs. J. R. McAlister, 86 Arnold Crescent, secretary-treasurer of the York Central District High School Board is making satisfactory progress at York Central Hospital where she has been since suffering a heart attack on October 13.

Mrs. McAlister expects to be back at her post with the high school board some time before Christmas. She was appointed secretary of the board in 1950. At that time it had no permanent meeting place and had charge of only the Richmond Hill District High School. Mrs. McAlister has taken an active part in each step of its growth up to its present stage in which it directs five secondary schools accommodating over 3,000 pupils.

Legion Kiddies Robbed Of Party Start Fund Again

"Locks are only for honest people."

This was the comment of Branch 375, Richmond Hill Canadian Legion President Frank Barrott Monday when he reported the theft of the Legion's Christmas Children's Party fund of about \$300 from the Legion Court premises.

"We are starting a new fund but there are a lot of hopping mad Legion members around town these days after this low trick," he told "The Liberal."

According to local police, who found a ladder leading up to a washroom at the North Yonge Street building Friday morning when a five-gallon metal drum containing the fund was reported missing, either the thief was inside the building when the Legion closed Thursday night or knew where to look.

The drum was left in the men's lounge but both the door to the room and the outside door were locked, according to Mr. Barrott.

The fund was to have paid for a party for veterans' children at Christmas and had been started about four months ago, he said.

Several police officers are investigating.

Harry Lever of 137 Palmer Avenue who heard of the Legion's bad luck, has donated a bicycle he had won in a Newmarket raffle recently to the branch to be used to raise money for the depleted fund.

Court Of Revision

Vaughan Council will sit as a court of revision to hear assessment appeals at 7 p.m. November 16 and 18.

Members will hear any arguments against 1964 assessment on which 1965 taxes will be based.



Canada's Finance Minister Addresses Langstaff Secondary Opening
(Photo by Barbour)

Family Service Centre

David Porter, attendance officer for Richmond Hill public schools and York Central high schools was the guest at the October 23 meeting of the Richmond Hill-Thornhill Ministerial Association.

Mr. Porter unfolded his plans for the setting up of a family counselling centre in York County in which he hoped the clergy would play an important part. The seven clergymen present looked favourably on the suggestion and it was discussed at some length.

It was reported that Father C. J. Schwalm of St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church and five other priests had approached the York Central District High School Board for permission to have an after school activity period at Bayview Secondary School set aside for a voluntary religious discussion group under lay leaders but had been refused permission by the board. (Continued on Page 6)

Tonight's Senior School Meeting Open To Public

Richmond Hill Public School Board will hold a special meeting at 7.45 p.m. tonight (Thursday) to discuss in detail the report of its committee which has been studying senior schools. The meeting will be open to ratepayers.

The board received the report Thursday evening of last week at its regular meeting, at which six observers were present. An invitation for representatives of the committee to speak at Pleasantville Home and School Association in December was accepted. Chairman Harold Sanderson reported that the committee on senior schools was formed in April 1964 and was composed of Vice-chairman W. H. Hutchinson, Trustees Jack Knott, Deena Simpson and Irene Worrall and several members of the staff. The committee met regularly, visited various schools and investigated the subject thoroughly. On Wednesday evening it had met and discussed the report before its presentation to the board, and some minor changes had been made.

Mr. Hutchinson paid tribute to the full co-operation received from trustees and staff members. He noted the committee had been divided into several sub-committees to deal with various phases of the study. He hoped that regardless of the board's decision copies

of the report would be available for interested persons.

Mr. Hutchinson also reported that a request for information on senior schools had already been received from the Town of Aurora.

One of the main advantages of a senior school, the report noted, was that specialized teaching will allow more time to be spent in preparing the lesson and more opportunity to present the lesson to the pupils. The accepted setup of senior schools is to have a platoon system with a home room teacher responsible for half of each day's work, the other half being spent on a rotary basis with teachers who will be specializing in one subject.

The only drawback to the senior school plan is that it can lead to a difference in the work load for teachers. The home room teacher would be in charge of 70 pupils (35 in each half day's class) and the specialized teacher would deal with more than 200 in a day. Thus the latter has not the same opportunity to get to know the individual child.

This again is offset by the larger number of teachers with whom the pupils come in contact and who share in assessing their potentials and achievements, the report states. It was reported that information had been

obtained from Belleville, Guelph, Newmarket, Welland, Weston, Windsor and Ottawa, where senior schools are in existence and schools, both senior public and junior high, had been visited in several communities. Whereas in Western Canada, Europe and the United States and in Metropolitan Toronto, junior high schools have been established, the senior public has been emphasized in Ontario. In Richmond Hill's case, where secondary and elementary education are the responsibilities of different boards, the report pointed out, the only intermediate school possible is a senior public.

Major areas of educational theory investigated were child development, both physical and emotional and social interests and stages of schooling, corresponding to child development. It was reported that one school system found with the removal of grades 7 and 8 from the elementary schools the social climate had "improved delightfully. Peace descends upon the corridors and playgrounds and the grades 5 and 6 children assume leadership with beneficial results."

Senior schools, it was claimed, lead to more positive teaching, and lend themselves to streaming in theory, although the committee

found not to any great extent in practice in the schools visited.

Guidance towards improvement of study habits and a favorable attitude toward work rather than toward direction of studies as stressed in secondary schools, is also possible in senior schools, it was noted. This leads children to realize their privileges and responsibilities as students, it was stated, and assists in a satisfactory transition to grade 9.

The committee reported that more study will probably be required of the physical requirements of such a program in Richmond Hill. It recommends two small schools of approximately 15 rooms each to take care of the 900 pupils presently in grades 7 and 8. They noted that special equipment in libraries, home economics rooms and industrial arts shops would be required. Transportation and a lunch room might also be needed.

Staff for all subjects but home economics and industrial arts could be drawn from the present staff and should pose no problems. Experienced teachers tend to stay in senior schools, it has been found, which gives them an opportunity to develop additional skills.

The committee reported no precise estimate available for the difference in costs of educating grades 7 and 8 pupils in the traditional

kindergarten to grade 8 school and in a senior school, but felt there was no doubt the per pupil cost would be greater. They felt intensive use of rooms and equipment in one or two locations would be much more economical than if the same rooms and equipment were provided in the present six schools.

Costs will be less, the committee felt, if establishment of senior schools coincides with the need for additional space caused by increased enrolment. This might lead to introduction of a senior school in one area much in advance of other areas, they reported.

Disadvantages of senior schools were noted as parental and pupil criticism of the distance to be travelled, increase in social activities and increased costs.

However once a senior school is established, most of these criticisms disappear, it was claimed and grade 6'ers can't wait to make the move into a senior school.

The committee recommended establishment at Crosby Heights School on a gradual basis as staff and facilities become available of a senior school program for children living east of the CNR track and as enrolment requires, provision of accommodation for those living west of the CNR.