

Building Committee Reports

**BA Play Area Gravelled
MacKillop Heat, Paving**

Trustee Dave Stephenson, chairman of Richmond Hill Public School Board building committee, reported to the board Thursday evening of last week that \$2,400 worth of gravel has been spread on the north side of Beverley Acres school grounds to provide a dry play area. The walkway to the southeast corner of the ground has also received a coat of gravel to keep the children out of the mud.

This emergency measure was taken when recent rains turned the grounds at the school, where building operations were underway all summer, into a sea of mud.

At the Walter Scott School paving work valued at \$1,600 is being done, and it will be recommended to the 1965 board that the municipality be asked to pave the ditches at this school in an effort to improve drainage conditions. It was reported that on several occasions the maintenance staff has had to sandbag the front door to keep water out of the school.

Mr. Stephenson also reported that additional paving has been done at MacKillop School and that work to clear up heating difficulties in this 14-room school has been completed. Intensive inspection work at this school revealed that only two thermostats controlled the heating. One of these for seven rooms controlled the heat in three insulated and four uninsulated rooms. The thermostat was located in one of the uninsulated rooms and when its occupants felt cold, it was quite frequently, the thermostat was adjusted to step up the heat. The result was that the classrooms which were insulated became intolerably warm and windows were opened.

To correct this imbalance of heat, which sometimes found the auditorium pressed into use as a classroom when the uninsulated rooms could not be properly heated, thermostats have been installed in each classroom at the school. Obsolete steel framed single glazed windows have been replaced with aluminum framed double-glazed windows and insulated wall panels have been installed in the uninsulated rooms.

Besides resulting in increased comfort for all pupils in the school Mr. Stephenson forecast the work will also make for substantial saving in the fuel consumption.

One additional man has been added to the maintenance staff in the hope that a lot of the backlog of maintenance work school will be caught up, he also reported.

**Gas Heating Use
Increased In '64
Company Reports**

Installation of a total energy concept of gas heating at Doublebrink Arenas in Vaughan marked the second successful Ontario application of a Consumers Gas Company theory, an annual report noted.

The application involved is the concept whereby electricity is generated on the site from natural gas; the exhaust heat otherwise wasted is being used for water and building heating and cooling. A major advantage is that total fuel requirements are obtained at substantially lower cost than with competing fuels.

The company which has a branch in Richmond Hill has increased its natural gas customers in 1964 to 318,000, compared to 156,000 ten years ago. There are 18,886 shareholders in the company compared to 6,740 in 1954 and earnings per share were 55 cents, up from 49 cents in 1963.

Natural gas is now being used in large RCAF stations, at least 10 provincial government buildings, apartment buildings, plazas, restaurants, hotels, churches and schools.

Residential sales increased from 29.8 billion cubic feet to 32.2 billion cubic feet; industrial from 29.25 billion cubic feet to 36.3 and commercial from 8.7 to 11.3 billion in 1964.

Projector, Screens, Too—

**Movie Library Opened
As A Part Of Services**

Film services, recognized professionally as an integral part of public libraries, will be offered by Richmond Hill Library beginning today.

The film library has been instituted by members of the library board, after consultation with Murray Anderson of the National Film Board.

Approximately 40 films will be on hand immediately, supplied by the NFB and the Metropolitan Film Library and will be exchanged every two months for a constant flow of new materials.

Materials will be selected on their educational and cultural value for all ages, keeping in mind the position of a community library as an agency for adult education, the board said.

The library will also keep a 16mm. sound projector on hand along with screens, all of which will be available to library patrons at a nominal service charge.

Richmond Hill's High School Library Club will activate interest in film borrowing with their annual series of four film programs beginning with "The Importance of Being Earnest" tonight at the Richmond Theatre.

Other films in the series are "The Organizer" from Italy, "Sundays and Cybele" from France and Sir Laurence Olivier's excellent Shakespearean film "The Importance" cast is headed by Michael Redgrave and includes Dame Edith Evans, Margaret Rutherford, Miles Malleon and other leading English actors.

**Markham's Sixth
Fatality As Driver
Crashes Into Pole**

A Toronto man became Markham Township's sixth traffic fatality this year when his small car swung out of control into a telephone pole on Don Mills Road, one-half mile north of Highway 7 last Friday night.

Pronounced dead was Joseph Angus McLean, 28, St. Clair Avenue East.

Markham Police said the McLean car was apparently northbound when it attempted to pass another car, went out of control, careened into an east side ditch and struck the pole, breaking it off.

He was alone in the car, police said. Eye witnesses were Edith Wainwright of Scarborough and Norman Argue of Toronto. No date for an inquest has been set.

Investigating officers were Constable Barry McWhirter and Sgt. Evan Kelley.

One officer said it was the third fatal accident in a similar small foreign car.

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School News
On November 27 the Woodland Public School grads held their annual dinner and dance in the school auditorium.

November 16 was the date of the Henderson Avenue Public School annual class reunion and party. Some forty graduates were on hand for the celebrations.

Robert Herman was presented with the home and school association's prize for the top student. He received \$15. The Doncaster Community Ladies Club prize of \$10 for the second ranking student was presented to Jo-Anne Hughes.

Socials
Birthdays greetings are in order for Rosemary Clow of 57 Clarke Avenue who celebrated her 17th birthday November 27.

After suffering a back injury in a domestic accident on November 8, Mrs. Ernest Petrie of Clarke Avenue is now staying at St. Bernard's Convalescent Hospital, Finch Avenue West. Her son-in-law, Jack Stow of Henderson Avenue reports that she is doing well.

**To Address Bay Ridges
Mail "South Pickering"**

Word was received at last week's meeting of Pickering Township Council that in response to a recent resolution of council protesting the name "Ajax" on Pickering Township mail, Postmaster General John Nicholson had agreed that letters addressed to street number and place, i.e., Bay Ridges, Fairport, etc. and then "South Pickering, Ontario" rather than "Ajax, Ontario" will be acceptable to the post office.

Councillor Don Waring insisted however that "Pickering Township" should be the name used. "There is no such place as South Pickering," he stated.

Deputy-reeve Mrs. J. McPherson agreed. "By calling it South Pickering I feel it is starting a division of Pickering Township."

However, a resolution was passed that "South Pickering" be the designation on all mail to Bay Ridges, Fairport and other centres in the postal delivery service area. Mrs. McPherson and Mr. Waring opposed the resolution.

SCARBORO: There was only one acclamation on Scarborough's nomination day November 23, that of R. W. White for deputy-reve. There are 21 candidates for the seven ward representatives and 31 candidates for the 14 man board of education. Three candidates are competing for the two PUC seats.

AURORA: Valedictorian at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School graduation recently was Douglas Routledge, an Ontario Scholar and award winner who topped his grade 13 class in June. Guest speaker was T. O. W. Fowler, retired district inspector of secondary schools.

Public Schools

**Three Teachers Resign
Hire New Replacements**

Resignations of Mrs. Mary Donnelly of Walter Scott School and Miss Sharon Hadfield of MacKillop School were accepted with regret Thursday evening last by Richmond Hill Public School Board. The effective date is December 31, 1964. Mrs. Donnelly is retiring from the teaching profession and Miss Hadfield is going north.

The resignation of John Sandiford, grade 6 teacher at Beverley Acres School was accepted, effective immediately. It was explained that Mr. Sandiford has been preparing himself for employment outside the teaching profession and has been offered a position which he wishes to accept. His duties will be taken over by Mrs. Christine Semple who holds an interim elementary school teacher's certificate and has taught one year in Aurora. Mrs. Semple has spent a familiarization period in the classroom in which she will be teaching.

On Superintendent Gordon McIntyre's recommendation the board approved a contract with Mrs. Dorothy Downey who holds an elementary school teacher's certificate and has taught for 10 years, five in Toronto and five in Aurora. This contract will be effective January 1.

The superintendent was given authority to hire another teacher for the first of the year.

All new teachers added to the staff of the local public schools in September are teaching effectively in their classrooms, Mr. McIntyre reported.

**Charge Three Drivers
With HTA Offences**

Three motorists were charged with various Highway Traffic Act offences following accidents dating from last Thursday, Richmond Hill Police reported.

At 12:10 p.m. November 28 on South Taylor Mills Drive, Walter Hayward of Toronto was charged with crossing the double line following an accident involving cars driven by Herbert Hoover and Edwin Hunt, both of Richmond Hill. There were no injuries and damage was minor, police said.

At 3:05 a.m. last Thursday Frank McMillan, Kerrybrook Drive, was uninjured when his car struck a pole at Yonge and Centre Streets. Damage was \$1,200. He has been charged with careless driving, police said.

Damage was estimated at \$400 following an accident Saturday at the Markham Road-Bayview Avenue intersection around 6:30 p.m. involving cars driven by Mrs. E. Hindel of Aurora and Earle Barkey, Colbourne Street, Richmond Hill. Mrs. Hindel has been charged with making an improper turn. No one was injured.

During the November 24th fog, cars driven by Mrs. Florence Staunton, Talmadge Drive, and Thomas Hughes, Lynett, Crescent, were in collision at Maramak Road and Bayview Avenue. Damage was \$270 and there were no injuries.

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