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Elson Miles Heads TSA 2 Markham

Shown at the inaugural meeting of TSA 2 Markham are the newly-elected board members. In the front row (left to right) are Vice-Chairman Arnold Morsion and Chairman Elson Miles. Standing are (left to right) Stuart Watson, Mrs. Mildred Toogood and Eldred King.

The first meeting of the new TSA 2, Markham, held at the office of Inspector Maynard Hallman in Richmond Hill, January 6 proved to be a lengthy one and didn't break up until after midnight.

TSA 2 comprises all of Markham Township east of Bayview Avenue and includes 18 schools, with a total enrolment of 1,200.

Vaughan Schools Join Meta For TV Programs

In order that all schools may take advantage of television educational broadcasts produced by Metropolitan Educational Television Association, Vaughan Township School Area Board Thursday night of last week took out membership in the association. This membership will provide each school with information about the broadcasts which will permit the wisest choice of programs and prepare pupils to secure the maximum value from them, it was pointed out.

It was also noted that the board had not purchased any television sets for the schools, but that in several cases home and school associations or other local groups have donated a set. The board has assumed the responsibility of servicing these. The membership fee of \$100 was approved.

Markham Township Deputy-Clerk M. A. N. Shenfield administered the oath of office to the five board members, Mrs. A. Toogood, Elson Miles, Arnold Morsion, Eldred King and Stuart Watson.

The chairman and vice-chairman of the board were elected by ballot and Elson Miles of Milliken was named chairman and Arnold Morsion, Gormley, vice-chairman.

Some staff changes were necessary at Melville and Dickson's Hill schools at the beginning of January. At Melville, the principal, Mrs. C. Bolender resigned and no suitable appointment could be made. Mr. Hallman told the board that this difficulty was overcome through co-operation with the Dickson Hill School where a new room has been opened with Mrs. B. Foote as the new teacher. Upper grades from Melville have been transferred to Dickson Hill where Mr. James Irwin is principal. Mrs. J. Wideman is the teacher at Melville.

The board agreed that some adjustments would have to be made in transportation, but this was held over until it could be discussed with bus operators. Mrs. Patricia Kimbark, formerly a teacher at S.S. 10, Unionville had been recommended to Mr. Hallman as qualified to administer tests to slow learners and the board agreed that she be appointed an itinerant teacher for this purpose.

Mr. Hallman advised that there are 22 children in the area with an IQ that would qualify them for grants for special services. Besides this auxiliary work, Mrs. Kimbark

will also be responsible for home instruction of children unable to attend school. At No. 6 school, on Don Mills Road south of Victoria Square, there is a special January class for children whose birthday falls between January and July 1, 1965. Last week there were 15 children in attendance and the maximum permitted is 25. The board agreed that new students would be admitted on a "first come, first serve" basis. Parents in the former TSA 3 were notified about it and others may apply with the understanding that children living beyond the original area must provide their own transportation.

A letter from the Unionville Nursery School requesting kindergartens for the area was tabled for the present. The board agreed they were in favor of the idea but felt it impractical at present. This need would be considered when any future building program is undertaken. It was noted that it takes one kindergarten to feed two grade 1 classes and to date there has been insufficient consolidation of population to make this possible.

Other business dealt with included supply teachers, emergency decisions, insurance coverage, telephone service. The board went into committee at the end of the public meeting.

Board meetings will be held Tuesday evening of each week until further notice and will be held in an office adjacent to Mr. Hallman's, 18 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill.

Raised \$3,400 In '64

March Of Dimes Feb. 1 Aids Disabled Persons

1965's March of Dimes will be held February 1 with 300 marching mothers visiting the thousands of homes in Richmond Hill to collect donations to help the disabled achieve as happy and nearly normal a life as possible.

In 1964 the marching mothers collected \$3,400 in this municipality. It is hoped that the response will be even more generous in 1965 and the goal of \$3,500 will be fully realized.

Mrs. Norman Todd, chief marching mother, has reported that plans are underway to expand the workshop in Toronto that serves this area. Because of the cost and scarcity of the highly specialized staff needed to operate such a facility, such centres can be developed only on a district basis but any patient from Richmond Hill or district who needs such training will be taken to Toronto.

It costs approximately \$10,000 a year to operate such a centre and there are nine of them in Ontario.

The marching mothers of Richmond Hill are out to see that every disabled person in this district will get a proper chance at life and they hope the citizens will support their efforts.

The March of Dimes, born of the concern of one man for another in trouble, provides the essential personal, individual and continuing interest which enables the patient to avail himself of all help he needs.

Money raised on February 1 will provide:

- *Caseworkers throughout the province;
- *Medical evaluation clinics, treatment services, appliances, etc.;
- *Specialized psychological assessment teams who travel to all parts of the province to pinpoint residual work or training potential of those who have been physically restored as far as possible;
- *Work assessment shops in Toronto and Hamilton for more intensive assessment of the severely handicapped;
- *Sheltered workshops in eight centres for work-conditioning and on the job training;
- *Homebound employment for those who cannot work away from the home;

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*A constantly up-dated file of resources available for any kind of rehabilitation need;

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Two May Concerts

Public School Choirs In Guest Spot With Rich. Hill Orchestra

Richmond Hill school choirs have been invited to participate in a concert to be given by the Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra. The Richmond Hill Public School Board was informed at their meeting held Thursday evening of last week.

A letter received from the conductor Arthur Burgin advised that the orchestra had planned last year to have members of the Richmond Hill Choral Society as guest artists at a concert. The society has ceased to function however and it was felt that the student choirs could well take its place.

Herman Fowler, music supervisor, suggested that the teachers with good choirs be contacted and asked if their choirs would like to participate.

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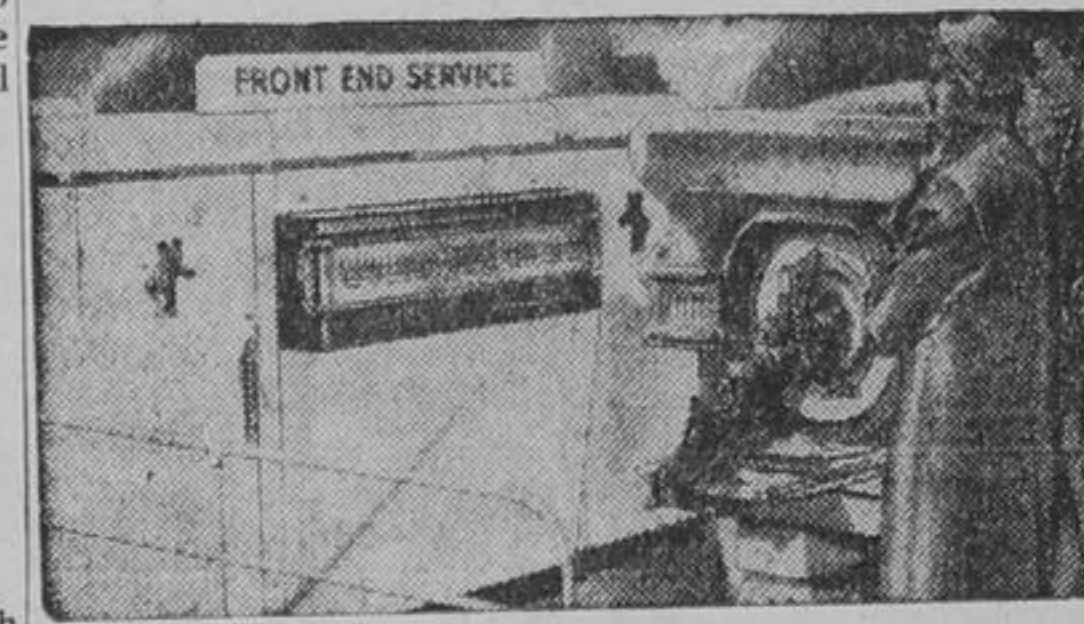


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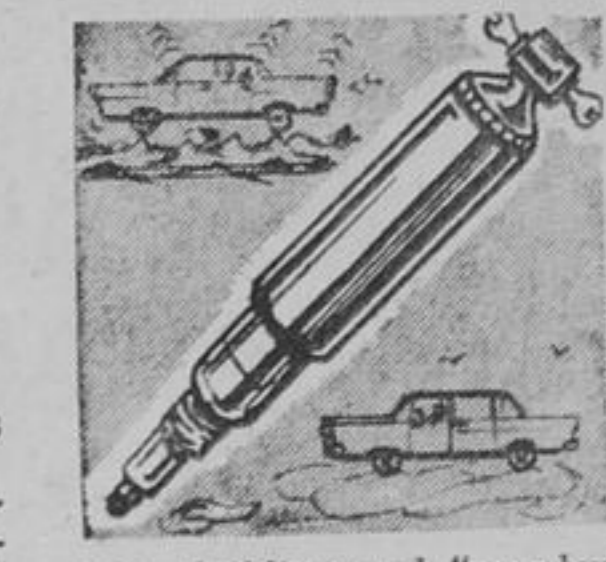
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