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## Portables Plentiful For School Opening

By JIM IRVING  
In keeping with astronauts and prices, enrolment in Richmond Hill and area schools is up this year.

The schools, public and separate, open their doors for another season on September 6 to not only an increase in pupils, but an increase in classrooms, including several portables and also building space.

In Richmond Hill, approximately 4,000 pupils - an increase of more than 100 - are expected to report for a full day of public school on opening day.

On hand to greet them will be 126 teachers, including 28 new ones and the principals of the six schools. The schools themselves will be augmented by portables at Walter Scott and Beverley Acres, and newly-painted rooms and freshly-seeded grounds at several others.

However, for the most part it will be a next year project with the public schools. A delay in getting approval of a \$520,426 debenture issue until August 10 from the Ontario Municipal Board for planned additions at three of the schools, resulted in work being started on two of the schools - Beverley Acres and Walter Scott.

Plans for a six-room addition at MacKillop, the largest project of the three, had to be put over until next year.

"We may have more (pupils) than we bargained for," said Superintendent Gordon McIntyre, speaking about the latter. "But we have portables ready if it happens."

Mr. McIntyre said that a new apartment building in the area would probably bring about an increase in students. Expected enrolment at the school this year is 700.

Both Walter Scott and Beverley Acres will eventually be made over into junior public schools to accommodate classes from kindergarten to grade six with Walter Scott getting an additional kindergarten.

Enrolment at Walter Scott is expected to be down slightly this year as grade seven pupils will be moved over to Crosby Heights, the first step in converting it to a junior public school. The three grade eight classes will remain this year, however, with the overall enrolment about 861.

Additional portables have been rented from Markham TSA No. 1, with regular classes occupying five of them, and the gymnasium being used as a second kindergarten.

Mr. McIntyre said there would be no overcrowding at the school, and future plans called for three kindergartens, with the regular one being made into a library.

He said also, that the staff room would be added to, and the number of portables would be reduced next year to two.

At Crosby Heights kindergarten to grade six classes are slowly being reduced, and the school will operate this year as a senior school in every way, with the exception of an industrial arts and home economics class.

There will be 13 classes of seven and eights on a rotating program with Walter Scott providing one class of sevens and Crosby Heights classes of sevens and eights.

Expected enrolment is 726. Beverley Acres will have the highest number of pupils with an enrolment of 1,100.

Plans also call for three kindergartens and at present a portable is being used until the third one is built.

Considerable paving has been done as well as levelling of the grounds, and the entire school has been repainted.

Pleasantville has had extensive work done on it, both inside and out. Insulation has been improved and extensive painting has been carried out. Drapes have been added to the west windows and the school grounds have been spruced up through levelling and seeding.

Enrolment will be about 275, the same as last year.

McConaghy is also expected to remain the same, approximately 422.

Mr. McIntyre said many of the new teachers had already been around getting acquainted with their new schools in preparation for opening day, and that the pupils would be expected to attend classes for the full day.

In the Richmond Hill Separate School system, J. C. Matthews, business administrator, said that no accurate estimate of the expected enrolment could be given because of the erratic enrolment in the kindergartens.

He said that many parents had not bothered to register on the allotted dates, because they felt they could still bring their children in on opening day and enrol them in kindergartens just as readily.

Mr. Matthews said that eventually the board might have to go to the assessment rolls to determine the expected number of new pupils.

He said the building strike had greatly affected progress on the new seven-room addition to St. Mary Immaculate School, and the eight-room addition to Our Lady Help of Christians.

With the exception of one room at Our Lady Help which was to be a library, the \$350,000 building program was to provide classrooms. Deadline for the additions has been moved up from September 15 to our time in November.

Some Lady Help, which was to be closed down and used as an administrative office will remain open, accommodating grades one to eight.

Mr. Matthews said that an extensive painting program had been carried out in the schools during the summer, and also that all three portables in the system would probably be in use in the next term.

Vaughan Public School Board expects an enrolment of more than 3,300 pupils when school gets under way.

These youngsters will be accommodated in 100 regular classrooms four special classrooms and six kindergartens.

The two special classes will include two at Thornhill Public School, the junior opportunity class which will be moved from Charles Hewitt to Roselawn School, and one at Kleinburg Public School. This will require a teaching staff of 118 full time teachers, two part-time principal supply teachers, and six supervisors.

There are a music supervisor and an art supervisor, a primary supervisor and two remedial supervisors. One of these, Mrs. Margaret Bogg has successfully completed a summer course in speech therapy and will be putting her newly-acquired knowledge to work in township schools as the need arises.

Old Pine Grove School (two room) will not re-open this year. The children will be accommodated in the New Pine Grove School, to which an addi-

tion containing four new classrooms, a kindergarten and a playroom has been added. The Lower Ninth School will also remain closed this year, with the children of grades 1 to 6 attending Elder Mills, a two-room school. Grade 7 and 8 pupils from the Lower Ninth and Elder Mills will be transferred to Kleinburg, and pupils in the same grades from Hope will be instructed at the George Bailey School in Maple.

The two-room addition at Roselawn School is scheduled for completion by October. In the meantime a grade 3 class will be housed in a portable and a grade 6 class in the auditorium.

This year the new mathematics course will be introduced to all grade 8 classes in the township and the art supervisor and teachers are busy compiling a course to be used throughout all grades in all township schools.

September 7 will see a total of 1,509 pupils go through the doors of the four schools in TSA 1 Markham, an enrolment of 32 over the June enrolment.

The number of classes is increased from 47 to 53, including four auxiliary classes with an enrolment of about 15 each. Staff members now total 64, compared to 57 in June.

The new senior school wing will be opened at Woodland School, serving grade 7 and 8 students from Woodland and Henderson Avenue schools.

Two full-time teachers of Oral French have been employed for this fall and the subject will be taught in grades 5 to 8.



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**OK Bayview Car Wash**

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standard type of car wash has already been approved for the rear of the Morgan Davis Printing Company property on New-kirk Road.

Council will take advantage of the new provincial legislation which allows a municipal body to license car washes. Under the provisions of an annual licensing system, the members felt they will be able to effectively regulate such operations.

Planning Board Chairman Howard Willians said the board had visited similar operations and had found them tidy. He felt the location between two service stations on a busy thoroughfare was satisfactory.

The planning board had earlier turned down an application by the same firm for permission to operate a car wash in the Richmond Heights Centre.

Councillor Hancey felt the low wash price of 25 cents a wash would make the service available to a large number of local car owners.

Over the objections of Councillor Lazenby who termed the resolution "nonsense", the members endorsed a request from the City of Owen Sound that the province ban the use of glass bottles in the sale of soft drinks.

"With all the other kinds of glass bottles that are being used, why pick on the soft drink industry?" questioned Mr. Lazenby.

Deputy-reeve Perkins said broken bottles from the winter fish huts on Lake Simcoe have created a swimming hazard in that lake during the summer. He said metal cans when buried will disintegrate but that glass won't.

At the recent Ontario Municipal Association convention some delegates had felt the two cent rebate on soft drink bottles encouraged children to return them to the stores rather than have them lying around.

The Owen Sound resolution mentioned the hazard to children from broken bottles often found at parks, playgrounds and beaches.

Council has passed By-law No. 1201 setting up a community centre board which will be responsible for the operation of the town's new swimming pool. Once such a board is officially established, the town can apply for a \$5,000 provincial grant towards the pool. Under the terms of the legislation, such a board must have at least three members and not more than seven. Two of the board members must be councillors.

On recommendation of Councillor Lois Hancey, council has named Mrs. Dorothy King, Lawrence Avenue, to the Retarded Children's Authority. Mrs. King replaces Pat Smith, Centre St. East, who recently moved from the community. The other two appointments on the six member authority are John Graham and Wentworth Dowell.

Council will return a \$5,000 cheque to apartment builder Ben Freedman as he has completed work on the parking lots at the Markview and Marklodge Apartments to the satisfaction of the municipality. Mrs. Hancey felt the landscaping and care of the property could be improved.

**Explain Safety Features Hydrogen**

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stalling the system, and more. Councillor William Lazenby who represents Ward 2 where the firm is located, asked if hydrogen acted on the material being processed at all.

The answer was in the negative, that it is merely a carrier. "It's a pure state it will not burn," Mr. Peirce explained. "Any contamination is maintained at less than 25 parts per million - at that amount of contamination the process would suffer. We can visually detect through a port when contamination reaches this point." Later he stated 260,000 parts of contamination would be necessary before the hydrogen would burn or explode.

When Mayor Thomas Broadhurst raised the question of automatic cutoff, Mr. Peirce explained the system has a number of redundant controls, all valves are one-way so there is no backup, an automatic valve has been installed to shut off the whole system and to introduce nitrogen to purge the system. The design has been critically analyzed over the past five years, he claimed, and a much larger facility has

been in operation in Dallas for the past three years. In that time there has been no accident involving hydrogen in Dallas, he told Councillor Walter Scudis in reply to a question.

Mr. Peirce went on to describe the location of the process in the Dallas plant in a building where between 300 and 400 people are employed. "If we felt, as a company, any undue risks were connected with this operation we would not have placed it in a building which produces essential materials. Our feeling is it is just about as safe as it can be, notwithstanding the fact that hydrogen has a fearful sound."

Answering Councillor Eric Handbury, he pointed out that in case of a hydro failure, the system automatically switches to nitrogen, an inert gas, automatic shutoffs are built in, one-way valves are part of the equipment, nothing is makeshift. He also noted that three blowers will always be in operation so that even in the event of a pipe leaking the concentration will be kept to a low level as the air is constantly evacuated and replaced. The building itself is of solid cement blocks and steel roof, and all possible leakage points have been stopped up, so there is no danger of leakage into adjoining premises.

Ian Colquhoun of Canadian Liquid Air Ltd. explained the construction of the trailer with several cylinders of gas by means of a picture. Each cylinder is vented and hydrogen being much lighter than air flows upward, through the vent, where it will dissipate into the air or will burn off in a controlled flame if ignited.

Mr. Peirce reported the Ontario Hydro has classified the operation non-hazardous, the Department of Labor has stamped it approved and the Workmen's Compensation Board has revised its classification to glass manufacturing category and reduced the rate.

The company's spokesman felt erection of a fence around the trailer would pose no prob-

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