

Public Not Ready For Requested School Improvements, Vaughan Trustee Tells Parents

By MARY DAWSON

The voice of experience, represented by Business Administrator Elliott Sand, Markham TSA 1, was heard at a meeting of the new Roselawn Parent-Teachers' Association November 6. Vaughan Public School Board Chairman Ross Jolliffe and Trustee Terry Goodwin were present to answer questions, and found themselves almost inundated at times.

It was late in the evening, after hearing the Vaughan system compared unfavorably to that in Markham TSA 1 several times, that Mr. Sand told the meeting that Vaughan Township has a lot of good things in the educational field. "You have the best person (Hugh Jackson) in the province heading up your audio-visual department, for instance," Mr. Sand said. Industrial arts and home economics are desirable features, he pointed out, but very costly arrangements. "There are now enough openings in grades 9 and 10 in secondary school that any boy who wants shopwork can have it and any girl who wants home economics can have it. There are other things we, in Markham TSA 1, consider more important and those are resource centres, libraries which are meaningful, teachers' aids

and the best teachers available."

Mr. Sand also noted that Markham has just built an entirely new senior school according to the specifications of the Department of Education, and find that it is already obsolete. "The library on which we have spent thousands and thousands of dollars is now too small. I want to offer a word of congratulation to Vaughan on a remarkably good job in many ways. Some of your problems will be removed as a result of this meeting, I am sure," Mr. Sand concluded.

The first question faced by Messrs. Jolliffe and Goodwin was posed by the Association's Vice-President John Beal who asked, "In the inauguration of the system of senior public schools why was Roselawn School selected, when it didn't have the necessary facilities?" Mr. Jolliffe replied that the school board has to consider the whole of Vaughan Township. "We have to consider all children and all schools," he stated. "It is not that we are unaware of the lack of some facilities, the reason they have not been provided is their cost. To do all of the things you would like us to do at one time is economically impossible. We are trying to do as much as we can as quickly as we can."

He pointed to the rapid strides made by the school in closing one-room and two-room schools to ensure consolidation and give all the township's children a graded education.

"Two years ago the idea of senior schools was broached and the board agreed it was a very good idea. Mr. Goodwin pressed for it and we decided to introduce it this past year. We needed a new school to accommodate the children from our remaining one-room schools and decided to build an absolutely new senior school (The Mackenzie School) on the west side of the township. This school has had some special facilities installed, such as change rooms and lockers in the hall.

"However, in the area between Yonge and Bathurst it was necessary to take an existing building and adapt it to senior school use. Roselawn was the most central, and the newest school in this part of the township. If and when subdivision development comes (and we have no control over that), this school will probably revert to being a junior school, with a new senior school being built, including all necessary facilities.

"In Maple, we are converting the George Bailey 8-

room school into a senior school by adding a gymnasium with change rooms and showers, a science lab and a library. We were not able to build exactly what we want because of building regulations," Mr. Goodwin added, "the addition being planned for Roselawn provides for a team-teaching room, which could be out-of-date in three or four years as teaching methods change at a rapid pace. These buildings are supposed to last 50 years," he stated.

Mr. Beal argued that to ask a child to come several miles to school and not have proper facilities such as a lunchroom, lockers, etc., is unfair. "These things should have been given thought, and room should have been set aside for locker space and change rooms," he said. Mr. Goodwin reported that the fire marshal's regulations will not permit installation of lockers in the halls of Roselawn School because of their width—a safety factor in clearing the school in case of fire. "If we put in lockers elsewhere, we would have to take actual teaching space.

"When we have children in portables, we feel it is better to get them out and into permanent buildings, rather than put more of them in. A locker room is not in the plans for the addition. As for

change rooms and showers, recommended by our physical education supervisor, for health reasons, we have 11 gyms in use or under construction in our system and only one will have showers. How fast the others will get them depends on how fast we can go out and spend 11 times \$40,000. These things will be considered when planning future buildings."

Bussing has been the board's biggest single problem this fall, admitted Mr. Jolliffe, "since it is a new experience for parents and children on this side of the township. We have a good bus company and good drivers, and things seem to have settled down." The board chairman was in for some surprise however, as he learned that parents in the Boyle Subdivision, where transportation is not provided, have made arrangements to have their children bussed to school (not a return trip) for a \$1 a month. The bus is on its way back to the garage. He was reminded by David McLean that children in that subdivision live over two miles from Roselawn School and the board's policy is to provide transportation over a mile and a half. "Mr. Jolliffe, you were to look into this," Mr. McLean said. The load limit of buses was also questioned, and parents were assured there would be

no repetition of overcrowding which had been attempted by one driver in an effort to consolidate two trips into one.

Mr. Jolliffe told the meeting that the buses were operated on a very tight schedule, with no overcrowding. They start at eight and each operates three and some four routes before school begins. "We are getting the maximum use of buses we possibly can."

Roselawn Principal Ross Kennedy reported the school has not been responsible for delays in getting home. He also reported bus privilege cards were being distributed this week. If a student misses his bus it is up to him to find his own way home—sometimes a teacher will provide that transportation. If a bus privilege card is removed from a child because of infraction of the rules printed on its reverse side, the bus driver will inform the school and the school will decide the length of the suspension. This will be long enough to bring the child's misbehavior to the attention of the parents and to ensure good behaviour in the future.

Mr. Jolliffe noted that children are under the authority and responsibility of the school system while on the bus and Mr. Goodwin felt at least one parent's mind at

rest when he pointed out that the schools are not closed at the whim of the bus drivers. "When the scheduled times come the school makes certain the children are available to board the bus."

Asked why Vaughan Township does not have home economics and shops for grades 7 and 8, Mr. Goodwin replied the board has considered it but has taken no positive action. Answering a question if parents will have the same opportunity to meet and visit teachers, Mr. Kennedy reported that interim reports will go out this week. Then parents can make appointments to discuss their children's progress with one or more of the teachers. If possible teachers will make themselves available after school and in the evenings for these interviews.

An unhappy mother, who has an unhappy 10-year-old attending grade 6 at Roselawn asked if the only reason for her child having to walk two miles to school was that there were not enough classrooms at Charles Howitt. She later asked for this year's enrolment at Charles Howitt, and when told there were 364 pupils at September 30, retorted that last year there were 437 pupils at that school. "That leaves plenty of room for a grade 6 class—two of them in fact," Mr. Goodwin felt

that this year's classes would have fewer pupils in them to ensure a better chance of each child working to the limit of his own abilities. "If we were out to save space, it is conceivable we could place 37 pupils in each room. You parents would be the first to voice your dissatisfaction then."

Bernard Souche suggested that lunch periods be cut to 40 minutes, with school closing at 3:20 in order to permit the children to be home before dark in the winter months. He stated this was done effectively in other areas. "This would take a lot of pressure from teacher and pupil and would allow three five minute breaks during the school day. He also suggested the board consider engaging adult lunchroom monitors to free staff from the pressure of noon hour supervision. "As a teacher I think teachers on rotary need a lot of preparation, a lot of concentration, and as little pressure as possible. My child is going to suffer if his teachers are not happy."

Mr. Goodwin reported that the whole point of the senior school system was to get the very best teacher in a subject, and noted that the board has started engaging non-professional staff to help its professional staff, notably in providing secret-

arial help for the principals. When the question of the noon milk supply was raised with the suggestion that the board provide a cooler for the milk, Mr. Sand volunteered the information that the milk supplier in his area provides a refrigerator in each school where it is needed.

Although a large majority of the more than 100 people present indicated they would not object to an increase of \$5 in taxes to provide a non-professional monitoring noon-hour staff, Mr. Jolliffe failed to get a response to his question. He asked whether they would object to an annual increase in taxes of \$50 for public school purposes. He reminded them that at least this amount would be required to supply all facilities desired and would be in addition to increases in other taxes.

One ratepayer present said this was a question which should be put to all ratepayers in the township, the small group present was not representative and had no right to make such a decision. "We elected you to make these decisions," he declared. Mr. Jolliffe forecast an awful hue and cry if the school board did everything it would like to do. "I don't think the people are ready for these things yet," he concluded.

THE THORNHILL SPORTS SCENE

ATOMS

November 11
Richvale Ready-Mix 2, Aurora 2
Ricky Rogers and Jimmy Cole handled the scoring with assists going to Paul Ralph and Ricky Rogers.

PEEWEEES

November 11
North End Cleaners 1, Aurora 4
Bernard Souche was the chap that scored the single.

November 12

North End Cleaners 2, Downsview 2
Bernard Souche and David Hartwick did the scoring with assists going to David Hartwick and Jim McIntosh.

BANTAMS

November 11
W. A. Stephenson 5, Aurora 1
Rick Hartwick scored twice with Bill Law coming up with a goal and two assists; Bob McIntosh with a goal and assist; Randy Bagg, a goal and an assist. Single assists went to Michael Coyne, Mark Woulough, Paul Davies and Hugh Matheson.

MIDGETS

November 11
Wilson's Esso 0, Aurora 1
A close checking game up to the final three minutes of the last period with the score 0-0.

November 12

Wilson's Esso 2, Richmond Hill 4
Charlie Moon and Mike Stroud scored with Rick Montgomery picking up an assist.

JUVENILES

November 7
Thornhill 3, Woodbridge 3
John Stevens, Wray Windsor and John Betts handled the scoring with assists being picked up by Paul Lethbridge, Chris Sills, Peter Law, two.

November 11

Thornhill 1, Aurora 4
John Betts scored Thornhill's lone goal from Wray Windsor. Bob Huckvale did an outstanding job of netminding in the first game and Gary Petrenic was outstanding in the Aurora-Thornhill contest.

THORNHILL CHURCH HOCKEY LEAGUE

TIKES

St. Luke's 3, Thornhill United 3; Thornhill Presbyterian 5, St. Edward's Eagles 1; Holy Trinity 10, St. Edward's Cubs 0.

ATOMS

Holy Trinity 3, Thornhill United 0; St. Luke's 4, St. Edward's 1.

PEEWEEES

St. Luke's 7, Thornhill United Warriors 1; Thornhill Presbyterian Hornets, Thornhill United Invaders 1; Holy Trinity Terrors 1, St. Edward's Lions 1; Holy Trinity Rockets 1, Thornhill Presbyterian Cougars 3.

BANTAMS

St. Luke's 8, Thornhill United Wolves 0; Holy Trinity Rams 3, Thornhill United Bears; Holy Trinity Rifles 2, Thornhill Presbyterian 3.

MIDGETS

Holy Trinity 9, St. Edward's Hawks 3; St. Edward's Flyers 3, St. Luke's 1.

BOWLING

Thornhill Mixed Bowling League
High triple (flat) Keith Jones 664; (hdep) Keith Jones 272; high single (flat) Keith Jones 241 (hdep) 272.
Over 200, Bill Garnett 203; Reg Edwards 202; Doug Bolton 218; Keith Jones 238; 241; Jack Webber 211; Harold Hingley 239, 239, 200; Bill Burns 202; Murdo Ross.

High triple (flat), Pat Burns

819; (hdep) 897; high single (flat) Pat Burns 367, (hdep) 393. Over 200, Bonnie Manzie 258; Eva Hingley 210; Pat Burns 272, 367; Carol Jones 211, 230; Lynn Radford 221; Mabel Tut 283, 212; Becky Kinney 230; Mary Redman 250.

Standings: Bonnie Manzie 31; Ken Poole 33; Doug Bolton 16; Keith Jones 27; Harold Hingley 29; Mary Redman 37.

Ladies Afternoon Bowling Club

Standings: Ontario 30, Manitoba 29; BC's 27; PEI's 26; Goofy Newfies 25; Alberta 8. High triple (flat) Mike Tutt 674; Joan Fulton 626; Nell Wright 581; Jo Cruise 581. High single (flat) Mike Tutt 249; Shirley Hopper 240; Mary Redman 222; Jo Cruise 220; Nell Wright 215; Doreen Marks 213.

High average: Mike Tutt 219; Mary Redman 191; Shirley Hopper 183.

CURLING

The business girls wielded nasty brooms November 11 at their fourth Scottish Invitation Bospital at the Thornhill Country Club.

Lucky winner of the coveted Katherine Helleur Trophy was Irma Berry of Leaside. The Leadie Skip and her rink got a point count of 33 plus 11. Runner-up was Richmond Hill Skip Eileen Garrett with 33 plus 10. Prizes for the winning rinks were deep fryers and for the runners-up, tartan rugs.

Other local rinks were skipped by Katherine Helleur, Shirley Woodley and Fran Booth. What a day, curling, dinner, presentations and light entertainment provided by the winning skip's brother at the piano.

NORTH RICHVALE NEWS

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Guides

North Richvale Guides spent a very thrilling Saturday afternoon at Maple Leaf Gardens watching the 1967 Ice Capades. They think it was most thoughtful of their leaders to treat them to something so spectacular.

Neighborhood Notes

Sergeant William Adams of Vaughan Township Police is spending a few days in York Central Hospital, recuperating from a recent operation. Nothing serious, we are told, and reports are he will be home in a few days.

North Richvale Lionettes are holding a euchre November 17 at Richvale Community Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue. There will be prizes and refreshments. Join us for a fine evening of fun and entertainment. This same group also reports having had a very successful dance October 28. There was a good attendance and a good time was had by all.

South Thornhill News

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Attend Fair

November 13, 151 students from Woodland Junior School attended the Royal Winter Fair. These students were from grades 4, 5 and 6 and the senior special class. They were accompanied by teachers and Principal N. Caldwell.

November 14, kindergarten and junior special class pupils, teachers and the principal, also had a day at the fair.

Official Opening

The official opening of the new Woodland Senior Public School, Henderson Avenue, was held November 13. The program included greetings from Markham Township Reeve Stewart Rumble; dedication by Rev. Dillwyn Evans, Thornhill Presbyterian Church; presentation of a Bible to Principal S. B. Myers by Secretary N. C. McArthur, Ontario Public School Trustees.

Chairman Louise Aimone, Markham TSA 1 Education Committee, introduced the guest speaker, Area Superintendent Maynard Hallman, BA, BPaed. After the official opening the senior choir sang and refreshments were served by the home and school association of Woodland Junior School.

The new senior school is situated on 17.8 acres and shares the campus with the junior school. Construction was started March 12, 1967 and completed on October 31.

Hockey

Thornhill Minor Hockey Association is sponsoring a benefit dance November 25 at 8:30 pm at Mart Kenney's Ranch, Woodbridge.

Fans of OMHA teams can help raise funds for their expenses by encouraging their friends to buy tickets. For further information call Joe Loughran, 889-2234.

Recreation Association

The executive meeting of the Grandview-Highland Recreation Association met November 7 at Henderson Avenue School. Plans were made for reforestation of the bush where the elms are fast falling victim to the Dutch elm disease. They will be replaced by a variety of evergreens and hardwoods. An order for 700 trees has been placed with the Department of Lands and Forests for delivery next spring.

The regular meeting of the Grandview-Highland Association will be held November 20 at 8 pm at Henderson Avenue School. Councillor Allan Sumner will introduce Markham Township Reeve Stewart Rumble, guest speaker who will give a progress report on township affairs.

The annual election of officers will take place followed by a couple of hours of euchre and bridge and refreshments. Family membership tickets for 1968 will go on sale at \$2. Everyone is welcome.

Neighborhood Notes

Doncaster Community Ladies' Club held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Jordan, Morgan Avenue, November 10.

Birthday greetings to Jean

Phinnemore, Elgin Avenue, who was six November 11; and to Robert Strain who was six the same day. Belated congratulations to the twins, Shawn and Suzanne Wilkinson, Morgan Avenue who were seven years old November 6. Happy birthday to Susan Edwards, Morgan Avenue, who was 15 November 14 and to Ann Casey, Clarke Avenue, who will be eight November 17.

South Thornhill fans and parents of Thornhill OMHA teams, who travelled to Camp Borden, November 3 to see the games against the servicemen's children's teams included: Mr. and Mrs. J. LePage, Glencameron Road; Mr. and Mrs. E. Sutton, Grandview Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. B. Barton, Meadowview; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hodge, Dalmeida Drive; Mr. and Mrs. R. McAlpine, LaFayette Place; Manager Ernie Takeuchi; Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Kade, Lincombe Drive; Mr. and Mrs. H. Harvey, Babcombe Drive; Mrs. B. Stankiewicz, wife of the sponsor, owner of Richvale Ready Mix.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Howson, LaFayette Place; Mr. and Mrs. B. Sanders, Highland Park Blvd.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Carr, Henderson Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Woolnough, Woodward Avenue.

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. T. Barrow, 27 Meadowview Avenue, are sorry to hear that she is in Branson Hospital, and wish her a speedy recovery.

Cynthia Lee Smith, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, 47 Woodward (Nee Welland) was christened on October 8 at Thornhill Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. J. H.

Flaming, Owen Sound, great-

christening and reception held later. Relatives from Grimsby also attended.

Ladies of the Southern group of the Anglican Church Women met November 6 at the home of Mrs. P. Atkinson, 113 Highland Park Boulevard. The hostess is leader for the month, so Mrs. Atkinson chaired the meeting after attending the executive meeting of the combined groups of ACW.

The ladies of the 6th Thornhill Women's Auxiliary for Scouts and Cubs held a very successful auction of white elephants at Bayview Glen Public School November 7. President Mrs. J. Meddick thanks the many families who donated the articles for sale and to Mrs. Lynn Whittick, who, in colorful attire, acted as auctioneer. Everything was sold and refreshments were served. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clem Wilson, Willowdale Blvd., who now have infant son Paul home from Branson Hospital. He was born September 25.

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