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## Former Pupil Purchases Markham School For A Real Estate Office

Although he has bought the school he attended as a young lad, Lewis Heise of Unionville does not plan on becoming a pupil again. His bid of \$16,100 was successful in securing for him No. 7 school on Don Mills Road at 19th Avenue.

This week it was reported to Markham Township Council that "the purchasers of the former SS 7 schoolhouse, situated on Don Mills Road, are desirous of using it as a real estate office." It was recommended that the new owners make application for an amendment to the rural area bylaw.

TSA 2 Markham has found selling old schools a lucrative business. Competition is brisk and the market is keen.

Since trustees were awaiting a meeting with Markham Township Council before discussing Markham Village's refusal to service the new senior school site on Concession 7, business at its November 14 meeting was confined to routine matters.

School enrolment at the end of October was 1,604, a lower figure than the 1,643 reported in September. Administrator Wilfred Morley explained the discrepancy was due to conflicting reports at the first of the school year. The number of pupils at Parkview Public School, Unionville, increased from 542 to 552 during October.

At Dickson's Hill School, the board noted several details needed further attention from architects and contractors. They agreed it was the architects' duty to clear up the difficulties which include: proper placement of a thermostat, reconnection of the hot water system in the old school, no sink on the lower level, etc. A list of corrections has been sent to Belbee Construction and to Hicks, Marsh and McLean, the architects.

Accounts totalling \$57,738.47 for October were approved for payment.

Vice-Chairman Eldred King, chairman of finance, said there should be enough funds to carry the board to the end of the year.

Trustees agreed to accept a tender of \$10 plus cost of parts for piano tuning submitted by G. Cave of Brougham. There are three pianos each at Parkview, Unionville and Dickson's High Schools, plus those in smaller schools.

Trustees agreed that "if a child becomes ill at school, the principal will call the parent and ask that transportation be provided to take the child home."

Trustee Stuart Watson reported from a meeting with ratepayers at Ringwood that no decision was made regarding dissolving the Whitchurch-Markham Union School Section. "Markham people who live near Ringwood are not happy that their children will have to go to TSA 2 schools," he reported. "They say Unionville is so far away."

Other board members noted that grade 7 and 8 pupils, who would go to Unionville, are now at schools in Bloomington or Balantrae, which are also a considerable distance from Ringwood, situated at the corner of Highways 47 and 48.

Organizations requesting use of school auditoriums for group activities will be permitted such use "for two meetings each, on a trial basis, subject to revision." Trustees agreed that "school purposes must come first," but the gym should be used often rather than in the daytime. They stressed supervision of extramural groups.

Requests to use the gym at Parkview School have been received from Scouts, church groups and adults interested in a badminton and basketball club. The home and school association is permitted use without payment but all other groups will pay a fee.

NEWMARKET: Retired Arena Manager Stan Smith was honored recently at a testimonial dinner. Mr. Smith is well known as a hockey player, manager. He managed the Newmarket Redmen in the 1932-33 season who brought home the Memorial Cup.

## Rambling Around

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21 at Emmanuel and will last one hour. The rector and his wife invite all to the rectory for refreshments provided by the ladies of the guild. This will be a chance to meet the new rector and his wife and also the cast. Mrs. Rhodes describes it as a "sort of free-for-all."

**WRITING IS AS IMPORTANT AS BREATHING**

"I began to write when I was 14," said Mrs. Rhodes, "probably because English was my one bright subject. I couldn't help writing any more than I could help breathing."

Mrs. Rhodes recalls that at that early age she began her writing career by winning several prizes and selling articles to newspapers in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Kathleen entered the British Army at 17 as a switchboard operator and ended up as a drill sergeant.

"I seemed to have acquired a knack for complicated ceremonial drills," she said. "This involved cross and counter marching, diagonal marching and intricate patterns."

During her army stint, she wrote regularly for some of the regimental magazines, much of it in a humorous vein, poking fun at the establishment by pointing out such absurdities as brass buttons.

After the war Kathleen became a medical record librarian. This background gave her plenty of grist for stories built around the medical profession and they found their way into English publications.

At present Mrs. Rhodes has a novel making the round of U.S. publishers, a story which provides a real insight into the troubles and delights a minister's wife has in parish living.

**A GLANCE AT THE ENGLISH SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Mrs. Rhodes believes that education in England has a wider scope than in Canada. The standard of literature is also very high. The English read much and do a good deal of walking. This gives them time to think and as a result they demand quality reading material.

An English student attends school from nine to four every day and has a five week summer holiday. He begins school at five years of age and spends 10 years in school.

In the elementary school he learns the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic. If he catches on quickly and knows the work, he can go on to a higher class without waiting for the end of the year.

At the end of elementary school, students are given an "eleven plus" examination. Depending on the result of this examination, about 10 per cent go on to grammar school, a portion go to technical school or if gifted in art or design, may receive scholarships to attend art schools. A few take commercial training but this is at private schools with fees to pay.

Those not qualifying for scholarships to grammar and technical schools go to a secondary modern school, somewhat similar to the grammar school. Late starters can be recognized here and may be transferred to a grammar school. At 15 the student graduates from secondary modern school. Those at grammar school leave a year later, unless they plan to go on to university, when they would spend a further two years at the grammar school.

The majority of students attending universities have received scholarships and if the need exists, may also receive interest free loans.

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