

Fire Eric Kierans Best Solution Mismatch Post Office Dept.

Conservative Postal Critic Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough, PEI) said December 12 while speaking in the House of Commons removal of Postmaster-General Kierans would perhaps be a better way of solving the "mismatch" of the post office than making it a Crown corporation.

Mr. Kierans has said the government is considering a consultants' report, tabled December 11 in the Commons, which recommends that the post office be made a Crown corporation.

Mr. Macquarrie said in a statement it appears, "we are now at a stage where conditions and prospects are so bad that a Crown corporation is being recommended as a way out."

But the report, prepared by Kates, Marwick and Company of Toronto, did not "irrevocably demonstrate that there is anything inherent in the structure of a Crown corporation to guarantee successful operations."

"Perhaps, instead of establishing yet another Crown corporation, changing the minister might be a progressive and remedial move."

While the minister had predicted his adjustments to rates and services would reduce the post office's deficit to \$40,000,000 for this year, the report forecast a deficit of \$240,000,000 by 1975-76.

The postmaster-general had "worsened the situation by stubbornly clinging to his errors of policy judgment."

Observer Takes 14 Days To Reach Quebec

The following news story appeared in a recent issue of the Hartland News Brunswick Observer—

Here's yet another example of Postmaster General Eric Kierans' so-called "excellent" mail service in Canada!

An Observer subscriber in Roxboro, Quebec... whose last Observer took fourteen days to go from Hartland to Quebec... has written The Observer as follows:

"Dear Sir: The Observer has been fourteen days on the road from Hartland to my home in Roxboro, Quebec. The post office tells me that it must be some fault of the post office in Hartland. I doubt that."

"I wonder if it took the stage coach fourteen days to go from Hartland to Quebec — but, of course, those horses are very old now."

"So hope you get this letter before Christmas. If not, I wish you all a Happy New Year."

And the letter is signed Mrs. Shirley Reeve, 70-16th Street, Roxboro, Quebec.

New Class Opens For Small Group

(Continued from Page 1) Only children ages 7 to 10 were included in the survey, and only children of average or above average ability who are not doing as well as could reasonably be expected in the regular classrooms were considered.

Files and reports from other agencies, such as the Sick Children's Hospital, Sutherland Clinic, etc., were also used to make the selections.

Children requiring specialized instruction fall into two major categories, Mr. Hallman reported — those with visual-motor disabilities and those with auditory-verbal disabilities. The children in the latter group tend to be quiet and passive. They are likely to be overlooked by an inexperienced teacher.

On the other hand, children with visual-motor difficulties tend to be much more obvious in the classroom. However, the auditory-verbal group are the most difficult to handle in the regular classroom situation.

The new class will include five children with auditory-verbal problems, on with visual-motor disabilities and two with mixed disabilities.

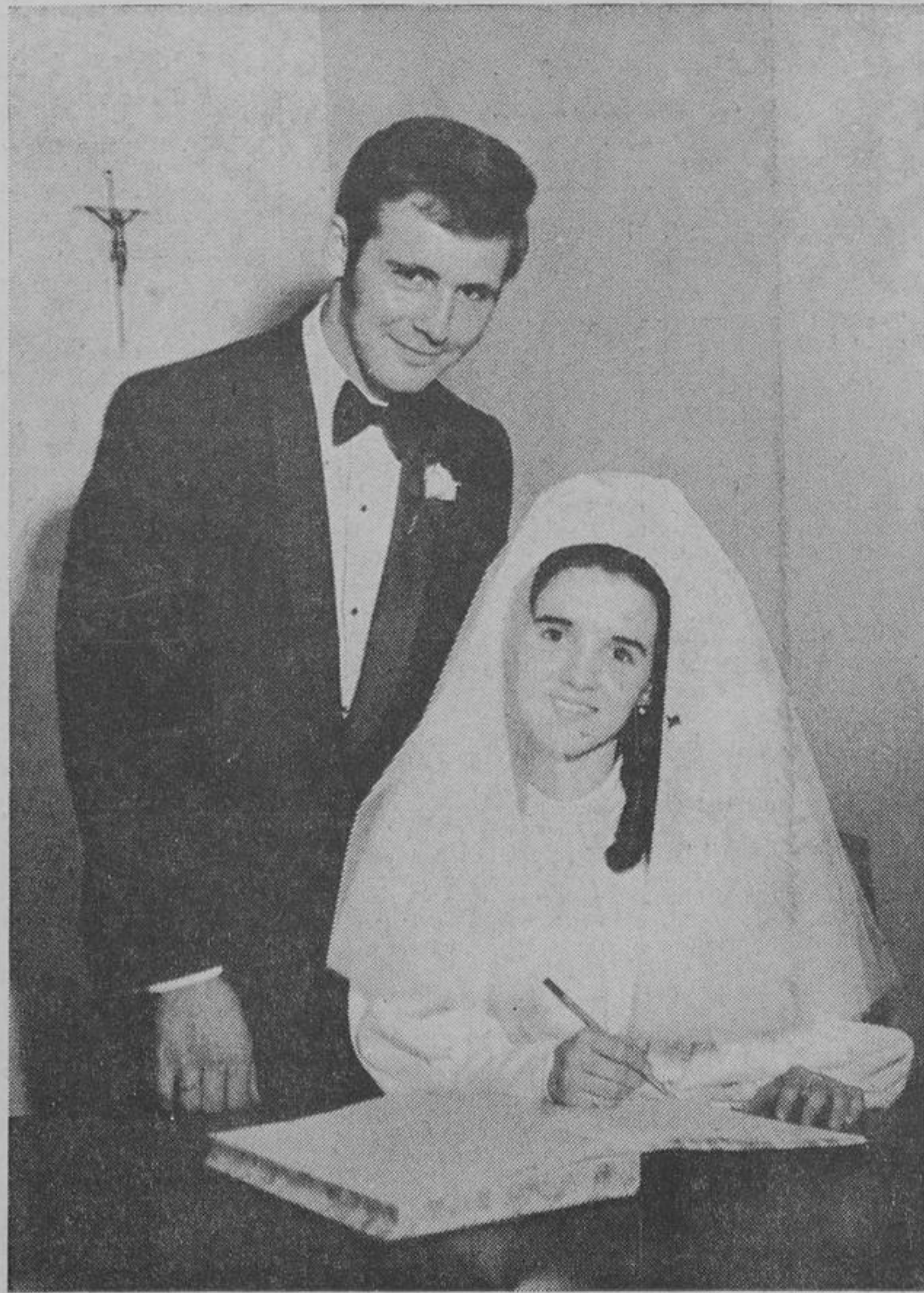
When it is considered that the pupil is ready to return to his home school the child's home teacher will be invited to observe him in the SLD class. Re-integration into the mainstream education will start while the child is still at the Scott School.

Mr. Hallman reported that parents of these children have spent from \$100 to \$3,466 for assessment of the children and for attendance at a special Richmond Hill Clinic. In four cases the amount spent was greater than \$1,500.

Newmarket Trustee Jack Hadfield asked if anything was being planned for older children, and those with two of their larger schools, and that several York County Secondary Schools have one or more remedial teachers on staff.

The committee told the trustees that the Richmond Hill Area Branch of the Canadian Association for Children with Learning Disabilities has appealed to the board for financial support, but Associate Director Gordon McIntyre pointed out that there is no provision in provincial statutes for the board to provide such aid.

The committee report will be discussed further at a meeting of the board in January.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM GALLIENNE

Local Wedding Of Interest

Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, Richmond Hill East, was the setting for the August 16 wedding of Mary Evelyn Parker to William Albert Gallienne. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Father Francis Robinson, Father Peter Mason and Father Paul Brennan SJ.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. William Parker and the late Mrs. Parker of Osiris Drive and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gallienne of North Taylor Mills Drive, all of Richmond Hill.

The bride is in her third year of studies at the University of Toronto and the groom is in his third year at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

After honeymooning in Quebec City and the Laurentians, Mr. and Mrs. Gallienne are now living in Toronto.

Recommend 1970 Committee

Study After Hours Use Of Schools

A committee on the use of schools should not be used as a "catchall" for all requests that come to the board of education for use of schools, declared York County Board of Education's committee on the use of schools in its final report to the board at a meeting on December 16.

"I hope that a similar committee will be set up in the new year," said Vaughan Trustee Ross Jolliffe, chairman of the committee, but he added, a committee of this type should not be asked to interpret or justify board policy unless specifically directed how and why.

The committee ran into strong criticism in many municipalities where community groups had been accustomed to using the schools free of charge for meetings and social activities.

County board policy requires that these groups work through municipal recreation committees, but many areas do not have such recreation committees and groups such as the Scouts and Guides found themselves confronted with rental charges far beyond their means to pay.

Although the rentals charged amounted only to the cost of caretaking services plus additional heat, electricity, etc., some organizations were on the verge of disbanding when the board instituted an emergency clause permitting them to use the schools at a flat rate of \$25 from September 1969 to June 1970.

When it was set up in June, the committee was directed "to discuss use of schools by community organizations and recreation authorities in the 14 municipalities of the county and to consider the advisability of a county organization to coordinate the service."

In what Mr. Jolliffe described as a "transitional situation", the committee has been confronted with many compromises.

Following a recent meeting of delegates from the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill asking for special consideration regarding rental fees for showing of travel films, the board agreed that an additional emergency clause should be added to its policy on use of schools: "To charge the full cost including overhead to profit making organizations for activities designed to raise money, with the exception, at the discretion of the director, of nationally organized service clubs where the fund raising project has clearly recognized cultural values, and where there is supporting evidence to show funds so raised are expended not for the advantage of the members, but the cultural development of the schools and of the community; in such cases the charge made will cover clearly recognizable additional costs as in item 2 above." (Item 2 sets out the schedule of charges for gymnasias, auditoria, cafeteria, classrooms, etc.).

During September and October the committee met with representatives of recreation authorities in the county, but many areas are still without recreation committees that have the authority to represent the community.

When such committees are established, they may apply to the Department of Education for grants which are not available to boards of education.

In its final report to the board, the committee on the use of schools recommended that the committee appointed for 1970 should have as one of its tasks the question, "The extent to which the York County Board is prepared to go to provide recreation facilities demanded or requested by the community."

It also recommended that a study should be made into the desirability and feasibility of integrating recreational and public library facilities into "campus sites" to make the school system the focal point of the community.

His committee, said Mr. Jolliffe, had met with the councils of Markham and Vaughan Townships and with delegations from Newmarket and East Gwillimbury to discuss use of schools for recreation, including construction and maintenance of swimming pools and skating rinks which could be used by both school and community groups.

The discussions were very useful, said Mr. Jolliffe. "But it will likely be a long time before anything concrete comes out of these discussions."

Members of the 1969 committee were Trustee Merna Colbourne, Town of Markham, King Trustee David Bachley, Newmarket Trustee Jack Hadfield and Aurora Trustee Keith Nisbet.



ROSS JOLLIFFE
No Funds For Recreation

Markham May Seek New Bus Terms

The ten year agreement between Markham Township and the Toronto Transportation Commission ends this month and the township will be studying a new contract perhaps with an eye to boosting its share of surplus revenue.

Under the terms of the existing agreement Markham Township, Vaughan Township and Richmond Hill own the franchise for the Yonge Street bus service, operated for them by the TTC. The town owns 50 percent of the franchise and each of the townships 25 percent.

When the current agreement expires Markham and Vaughan will each receive \$1,160 and Richmond Hill \$2,320. The surplus funds were derived from an overcharge of interest and a small operating profit.

Since the contract was drawn up in 1960 tremendous growth has affected the three municipalities which might give rise to a more equitable distribution of revenue.

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Suggest Major Additions To Town Fire Department In 1970

A lengthy list of recommendations to the 1970 Richmond Hill Town Council was presented by council's fire and bylaws committee at the December 15 council meeting. These recommendations contain important suggestions for the future development of the town's fire-fighting department.

(1) That the fire chief be authorized to obtain a report on the bearing capacity of the present fire hall; (committee Chairman Councillor Lois Hancey reported estimated cost of this inspection would be between \$25 and \$50);

(2) The fire chief also be authorized to obtain plans and quotations for adding a second storey to the fire hall for recommendation to the 1970 committee;

(3) That it be recommended to the 1970 council that three permanent firemen be added to the department next year;

(4) That the committee agree with the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs Inc., that for a population of up to 20,000 people, the fire chief's salary differential should be 50% more than that of a first class fireman and recommends this be implemented by the 1970 fire committee;

(5) That the 1970 fire committee study the five year capital forecast prior to the setting of the 1970 budget;

The fire chief was instructed by the committee to prepare his 1969 report to council and his preliminary budget for the 1970 committee.

Also for the early attention of the incoming council is a recommendation from the transportation and parking committee (Committee Chairman Ivan Mansbridge) that a one year contract renewable annually, based on the previous agreement, be negotiated with the Toronto Transit Commission regarding the North Yonge Bus Line. It is also recommended that a meeting on this subject be arranged with Markham and Vaughan Townships.

The franchise for this bus line is owned 50% by Richmond Hill and 25% each by Markham and Vaughan Townships. It was described by Deputy-revee Floyd Perkins as having been the lifeline between Toronto and Richmond Hill. "This franchise could be very valuable in the future," he maintained, "and I wouldn't like us to take a chance on losing it."

The TTC operates the bus service for the local municipalities on the basis of an agreement which has been for a period of 10 years. The present agreement expires on the last day of this year — but the TTC did not notify town council until two weeks ago, so an extension will be sought until a new agreement can be negotiated, it was decided.

The committee also recommended, and council accepted the recommendation that a meeting be arranged with the TTC regarding the impact of the new provincially operated GO commuter service scheduled for 1970 on the North Yonge Bus Line.

Basement Apartments Said Illegal

(Continued from Page 1) He added that if approved it would create a "50 percent increase in density throughout a third of the whole area."

Mr. Plaxton said there were also social and moral implications stating that "you just cannot turn people out of basement apartments in mid-winter. This would create a very serious social problem."

He agreed that the town had an obligation to take action when a bylaw was broken but suggested that "in cases such as this a fine should settle the entire matter."

Mr. Plaxton also argued that no appreciable change would result from allowing the basement apartments to be rented and noted that none of the residents in the area had complained.

"It's my information," he said, "that the only complainants were town council and the planning board."

Planning Board Member Harold Whillans countered Mr. Plaxton's arguments claiming it was an obvious "zoning violation."

He said the town must "enforce its bylaws or there's no point in having any. Town council and its planning board is responsible for planning in the town. That's why you have zoning bylaws, to assure the municipality will be developed properly."

Mr. Whillans said the town's bylaw definitely set a maximum standard allowing only four-plex housing and to approve two basement apartments would make it a six-plex situation which "is definitely in violation of the bylaw and our planning principals for the area."

But Cable, a former assessor and an owner of one of the four-plexes in dispute said that basement apartment dwellers total around a thousand people in Richmond Hill.

"There is a housing shortage here already," he said. "And this would create a terrible problem if this number of people, many of them elderly, were forced to get out and find new places."

It was a few months ago that members of the local planning board began to consider the number of housing bylaws that were being broken by residents.

Major complaint was that a home owner would just go ahead and do what he wanted no matter whether he was contravening Bylaw 1000 or not. No efforts were being made to approach the building inspector for permission.

The board requested the building inspector investigate the problem. He did with the result that the four, four-plexes on Elm Dale Court received notices that they had broken the bylaw.

Mr. Plaxton told "The Liberal" that "some sensible and practical solution must be found other than throwing people out of their residences."

He said the problem was now back in council's hands.

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