



High School Board Preparing for Larger Classes in September

Considerable time was given at the regular meeting of the Stouffville District High School Board Wednesday evening to a discussion with Principal Duxbury on the preparations for enlarged classes anticipated for this fall. The Principal presented the Board with a most comprehensive estimate chart on likely attendance and staff required. The nine-teacher staff will be increased to ten, a male teacher being required who will be a specialist in physical training. The estimated attendance for the school is 260 students, necessitating three Grade Nine. More than eighty new students are expected to begin their high school careers. Twenty new desks were ordered on Wednesday night with a view to the coming increase.

Miss M. Cunningham whose home is in St. Catharines was engaged to replace Mrs. Oliver who is leaving the local staff at Easter this year. Miss Cunningham, who is an inexperienced teacher, presently at McDonald College, will receive a salary of \$3,200. She is required to take summer courses during 1957 and '58 to qualify as an experienced teacher.

Overseas Teachers
Some consideration was given to engaging one of the teachers to be brought out this summer from Britain by the Dept. of Education, but Board members were skeptical of their qualifications for physical training. The Department plans to bring out some two hundred teachers, but once a Board makes application they are bound to accept whatever teacher they are sent.

Set Up Civil Defence Committee in Pickering

Reeve W. G. Lawson will head the new Civil Defence Committee set up recently in Pickering Township. Dep. Reeve Sherman Scott has been named Vice Chairman and councillor Sid Pugh is a member. Mr. Harry Ashton of Pickering Beach will act as a township co-ordinator. Mr. Ashton recently completed a course in civil defence at Arran, Ont. Reeve Lawson recommended that \$500 be directed to this promotion from the annual budget. A Government grant of \$1,500 or 75 percent of the total expenditure, will be forthcoming. A complete Civil Defence organization will be set up at a later date.

Whitchurch Assessor Resigns

Mr. Fred Cummings, Assessor and Building Inspector for the Township of Whitchurch for a number of years, has resigned his position. His resignation was accepted at a special meeting of council last week to take effect March 15th.

To fill the vacancy, Clerk John Crawford was instructed by council to advertise for two men, one for the position of township assessor and the other for building inspector.

Council also dealt with the matter of salaries, the final draft of new schedule to be ready for the regular meeting this Thursday night. Members recognized that the growth of the township would necessitate an enlargement of the staff as well as the office accommodation and engineers are to be called in to ascertain what enlargement could be made to the present building and the approximate cost.

LOCAL FISHERMEN SAVE TWO FROM LAKE SIMCOE

Roy Heaton and Cliff Harper, two Stouffville fishermen, pulled an unidentified man and woman out of their car last week after the vehicle had broken through the ice and plunged into the waters of Lake Simcoe. The two men were returning from ice fishing at Dorset when they heard a call for help. They quickly responded and found a car partly submerged in the lake. Risking their own lives, they managed to free the two occupants of the vehicle.

Conservation
Mr. W. H. Westney and Councillor Sid Pugh will represent the Township on the new Metro Conservation Authority. Councillor Pugh replaced Mr. Hugh Mitchell who resigned.

Plane Was Missing Since Friday



The wreckage of the light private plane which crashed on a farm three miles north of Ringwood is pictured above. The pilot and two passengers were instantly killed. — Cadieux Studio.

Private Plane Crashes In Whitchurch Field

Three men were instantly killed on Friday afternoon when their light Cessna plane crashed into a field on the former Marilyn Baker farm, three miles north of Ringwood in Whitchurch Township. Dead are pilot George Falconer of Waterloo and Alfred Brown and George Cassel, both of Kitchener. The exact cause of the crash is not known.

The plane took off from an airport near Deep River, Ont., on Friday morning. A search was started when Mrs. Falconer, the pilot's wife became alarmed when he failed to return home that night. A member of the Ontario County Flying Club at Oshawa noticed the wreck on Sunday afternoon.

Stouffville photographer, Ted Cadieux and Corporal Bob Pettigrew of the Vandoit O.P.P. were two of the first men to reach the actual accident scene. It appeared, from the marks in the snow, that the pilot attempted to land his plane in the open field, between two small woodlots. The light aircraft plunged into the snow and turned over, pinning the pilot under the wreckage and throwing the two passengers clear. Corporal H. B. Mitchell of Stouffville said that the three men were killed instantly. Their frozen bodies were almost entirely covered with snow and were difficult to find. A Ballantrae resident said she had seen a low-flying plane in the area around 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon. The aircraft was some twenty miles off course. It was first believed that the plane might have run out

PLANS BUSINESS ADDITION

Plans have been drafted by Schell's Lumber Ltd. for an extensive addition to their Edward St. premises, to take in much of the land now occupied by lumber piles. The building will be extended south to add some seven hundred square feet and provide a retail business supply store with modern front facing Edward St.

The local lumber company is nearing the completion of a large new storage warehouse on their lot on Harold St. east, near the High School and here much of the bulky material will be stored.

North Markham Girl Is Spelling Champion

Sponsored by the York Simcoe Home & School Council, the students of York No. 3 Inspectorate held their Finals of the Annual Spelling Bee Contest at the Thornhill Public School. Judges for the Contest were Mrs. O. Jaques of Holland Landing, Mrs. E. Pope of Newmarket and Mr. Lawrence Smith of Gormley. Mr. Arthur Spence, Education Reporter for the Toronto Telegram, also on the Board of Trustees, Richmond Hill, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Maynard Hallman, Public School Inspector, introduced the Panel to the parents assembled.

Twenty-nine students from Grade 8, representing schools in the area, started out and after six gruelling rounds, one boy and one girl emerged as champions. These were Miss Rose Anne Fincham of S.S. No. 16, Markham, and Master Michael Bowden of S.S. No. 10, Unionville. Prizes awarded to the winners were a lovely engraved Birks' clock-desk set, and to their respective schools a framed certificate bearing the name of the winner.

These two will now go on to compete in the Zone Division in Toronto where further honors await them.

MAY DOUBLE FUND FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Ontario plans to increase the amount of money available for municipal loans through the Municipal Improvement Corporation, Premier Frost told the Legislature last week. Stouffville, Markham and Whitchurch have all been eyeing this fund with a view to financing schools and sewers.

The corporation lends money to municipalities which have difficulty raising funds on ordinary money markets. Present legislation allows it to lend up to \$50,000,000 at one time, but this ceiling may be doubled, the premier indicated.

The Stouffville Juvenile team will play Woodbridge here on Thursday evening at 6:45 p.m. in the first round of the Ontario playoffs.

T & Y Road Budget Down \$626,212.00

The Toronto and York-Roads commission budget for 1957 for \$1,998,988, was presented by Chairman Norman Long to York County council on Tuesday, Feb. 12. It was accepted and the required bylaws approving the county's share were passed.

The budget shows a decrease from last year of \$626,212. It includes \$773,388 for construction work on the Don Mills Rd., which was budgeted for last year but not done. The County's share of this is \$122,796 and with a surplus for 1956 of \$35,522, reduces the county's total share of the 1957 budget from \$494,146 to \$353,827, the actual amount of the county levy or debenture for 1957.

Sharing the costs with the county for the Toronto and York Roads commission are the province and Metropolitan Toronto. The province's share is \$1,043,796 and Metro will provide \$461,046 for the 1957 budget.

TO GIVE AWAY \$100 BOND AT GAME HERE

The \$100.00 bond, donated by Mr. Neil Patrick, local Buick-Pontiac dealer, will be given away to the holder of a lucky booster ticket at the Intermediate playoff hockey game here on Thursday night. The Clippers will play host to Richmond Hill in the first of a best of three series.

Leadership Training Courses Arranged by York-Simcoe H & S

To further the aims and activities of the Home & School Associations, the York-Simcoe Council has arranged to hold three Leadership Training Courses for all interested members. They will commence the week of February 18 and be held one night a week for five consecutive weeks.

These courses are being arranged by the Area representatives as follows: North area—Mrs. Caroline Ion at the Newmarket Prince Charles School; West area—Mrs. Hilda LeMasurier at her home in Thornhill and East area—Mr. Frank Wolfe at the Unionville Public School. All members are cordially invited to attend and for complete details of the program are requested to contact their area representative.

To Celebrate 90th Birthday

Mr. Fred Wright of Green River will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Mr. Wright is quite a remarkable man and enjoys good health in spite of his years. The combined ages of the family totals 323 years, including a sister, Louise Gostick of Stouffville, 83; Bill of Lakeview, 76; and Walter from Alberta, 73.

Ratepayers Turn Down Public School Addition By Vote of 97 to 34

Voting 97 to 34, ratepayers of School Section No. 11 at Ballantrae rejected plans to enlarge the present facilities. The vote was held following a public meeting on Tuesday night. A total of 132 votes were cast. There was one spoiled ballot.

More than 150 persons attended. Mr. Jack Wylie acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Henry Crowhurst was the Secretary. Chairman of the School Board, Mr. Vern Davies outlined the various problems that confronted the members, including a sky-rocketing budget for salaries and maintenance. Mr. Davies pointed out that a survey showed that an additional attendance of 150 pupils could be expected in the next four years. Two additions have already been made to the present building. As had been previously suggested, Mr. Davies stated that he had no personal objection to another school being erected at Musselman's Lake but felt that the cost would be too heavy. Chairman Davies said that in the Board's opinion, the only feasible plan was to enlarge the present school building.

One of the Board members revealed that the 1956 mill rate

for the Ballantrae section was 95 mills. To build a \$50,000 addition it would increase the rate by 4.8 mills. A three room addition at Musselman's Lake would increase the mill rate in that section by 17.85 mills without the Government grant.

One ratepayer from the Musselman's Lake section stated that she favoured a school there since the children from that area had to walk too far to the Ballantrae school. Whitchurch Township Councillor, Clifford Wallwork outlined the procedure necessary in petitioning council for the erection of a school at Musselman's Lake. Mr. Stuart Patrick interrupted councillor Wallwork, stating that he was opposed to the building of a school at the Lake.

Mr. Henry Crowhurst, a member of the Ballantrae Board, told the meeting that the School Board would be willing to turn over their prepared plans if the ratepayers favoured a new building at Musselman's Lake. It would now be necessary for a petition to be presented to Whitchurch Twp. Council, containing the names of 25 percent of the land-owners in the school section for a division of the area.

Need Liaison Between Planning & Education

A very well attended general meeting of all Markham Township school trustees was held on Thursday night, February 14, at the Women's Institute Hall at Buttonville. In spite of a heavy snowfall, nearly 85 representatives from the various sections were present.

Reeve W. L. Clark of Markham Township emphasized in welcoming the trustees that he did not favour an overall Township School Area, but that he did think that co-operation between sections in such matters as transferring pupils from one section to another could be mutually advantageous.

An interim report from the Education Committee of the Planning Board was given to Mr. C. J. Laurin. Mr. Laurin stated that it was essential that planning and education move hand in hand. "We are right next door to the fastest growing metropolis in North America," he said, "and whether we like it or not the next twenty-five years will see many changes. All we can do is try not to make mistakes or spend money foolishly."

The biggest problem is how to cope with peak attendances which develop, usually accompanying new subdivisions," he said. "This committee does not feel that adding a brand new addition to an already obsolete building is any satisfactory solution to the problem."

"It was because of this apparent need for co-operation, between Planning and Education that Council established this Committee composed of Mr. LeMasurier, Councillor Mrs. K. James, and myself. The first thing we will have to do is examine the immediate situation in

each area and to this end we are going to set up a series of meetings with trustees of each area, or perhaps several areas together, at which time they will be able to give us any recommendations they may have. We in turn will consolidate these recommendations in a report to council which we hope will not be any later than June."

Mr. Watkins, a Unionville bank manager, addressed the trustees on the subject of Tight Money. The Inspector of Public Schools, Mr. M. Hallman then went over the Budget night program, explaining the meaning of such things as G-15 items and equalizing factors for the benefit of all trustees.

Mr. D. H. McClennan, trustee from School Section No. 20, addressed a question from the floor to Mr. N. L. Morton asking why that part of the Public Schools Act which requires the election of auditors at annual school meetings had not been rescinded, since the Municipal Act provides for auditing. Mr. Morton was at a loss for a satisfactory answer to this.

The trustees then adjourned to the nearby Municipal offices to prepare their individual budgets, with assistance available from all the officials present.

FIRE DESTROYS SHED

Fire destroyed a garage and implement shed on the farm of Mr. Ernie Wilson, west of Altona, on Wednesday afternoon. Lost in the blaze was a small truck, a tractor and a snow blower. A shortage of water hampered the efforts of Stouffville firemen. A booster pump was employed to bring water from a nearby stream.

O.M.H.A. Executive Entertained by Former Constable



Constable and Mrs. W. S. Hilliard were hosts to the members of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association who attended the fifth annual minor

hockey service held in Wick Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10th. Pictured above, discussing forthcoming

playoff plans, are—left to right—Jim Austin of Stouffville, Executive Member; Frank Dougherty of St. Catharines, Second Vice President;

Bert Hicks of Lindsay, Past President; W. S. Hilliard and son George. —Jim Thomas

Toronto Man Is Acquitted Of Uxbridge Twp. Murder

An all male supreme court jury at Whitby on Saturday acquitted Mike Crisetti, 63, of Queen Street east, Toronto, of the knife murder of George Mathews, 53, north of Clarbmont last Nov. 4, after deliberating for only 40 minutes.

Crown Attorney Alex C. Hall, QC, prosecuted the case for the crown while Russell D. Humphreys and Boychyn, Oshawa, conducted the case for the accused.

Crisetti, a second hand dealer, burst into tears when the verdict was read. He had been on trial since last Tuesday.

Mr. Justice J. M. King told Crisetti after the verdict was announced: "You are now free to go and I sincerely hope you never find yourself facing such an ordeal again." Crisetti has been in jail since Nov. 14.

setti to police, he described a scuffle between himself and Mathews in the latter's home on Nov. 4. Mathews was found that same evening lying unconscious on his front lawn by Crisetti's wife, Mrs. Gladys Humphries.

Crisetti was charged with Mathews' murder on Nov. 14, following an investigation by Inspector Louis Needham of the CIB and Constable W. L. Smith of the Whitby OPP detachment.

On Saturday, Crown Attorney Alex C. Hall, in his address said that Crisetti had gone to the home of Mathews to have it out with him.

"He had often been asked by Mathews to meet him with guns, knives or fists," Mr. Hall said, "and on Nov. 4 Crisetti made up his mind to take Mathews up on the invitation."

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