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School Boards Now Get Gov't Aid for Building Sites

Education Minister Roberts announced last week that regulations have now been prepared for the payment of grants on approved expenditures for school sites acquired this year. Since skyrocketing land prices have hit school boards hard, particularly in the Metro area, there has been much pressure brought to bear, for increased government aid, and last week the government announced its

intention to help. The grants to be paid will be 50 percent of the actual cost of the site or 50% of the provincial equalized assessment of the property, whichever is the smaller. Such a setup will safeguard the government from paying any inflated prices for land. Where approved expenditures for school sites for which title was acquired and expenditure made in 1959, grants will be

paid in 1960. Complete details of the new grants will be in the hands of all school boards very shortly. Scholarships—The province is to continue its scholarship and bursary plan. So successful has the new scholarship plan for Grade 13 students been, that the government is to be asked by the Dept. of Education to approve similar awards for 1960-61.

VICTORIA SQUARE

Mrs. W. Sandle
Euchre — Due to the inclement weather the attendance was small at the Euchre Party held in the Community Hall on Monday evening of last week. Prize winners were: Ladies (1) Mrs. H. Collard; (2) Mrs. Klink; Consolation, Mrs. Brands; Gents (1) Bert Nichols; (2) Bill Middleton; Cons., Harvey Collard. There will be another Euchre Party in the Community Hall on Monday evening, February 8, at 8.15. Couples Club — On Tuesday evening the Couples Club enjoyed a Toboggan-

ing Party at Fraser Gee's flats. Following the tobogganing they returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCague where they held their regular meeting. The Election of Officers was held which are as follows: Past President, Mr. and Mrs. David Houck; Pres., Mr. and Mrs. J. McCague; Vice-Pres., Mr. and Mrs. Norm Tyndall; Secretary, Treas., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rumney. W.M.S. — There was a very large attendance at the W.M.S. third annual meeting of York Presbyterian held at Stouffville United

Church on Thursday. Ten of the ladies of the W.M.S. from Victoria Square went by bus along with over thirty ladies from Richmond Hill. The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Cecil Story on Wednesday, February 10th, at 1.30 p.m. Please note the change of time. Sr. Women's Institute — The February meeting of the Women's Institute will be held Tuesday, February 9 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Leslie Hart. The convener will be Mrs. George Joyce. Motto—"Let Us Take Time For All Things; Make Us Grow Calm, Serene and Gentle"—will be given by Mrs. Earl Empringham. Roll Call—"Ways to Improve Victoria Square". Skit by Mrs. M. Jarvis. Display—A Handicraft by each member. The special guest speaker will be Mrs. Armstrong from The Bell Telephone Company. Hostesses will be Miss Mary Muirhead, Mrs. Larry Sanderson, Mrs. H. Mortson. W. A. Executive 1960— Pres., Mrs. M. Jarvis; Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. McCague; Secty., Mrs. John McCague; Ass't Sec., Mrs. Earl Empringham; Treas., Mrs. Fraser Gee; Pianists, Mrs. H. McCague, Mrs. S. DeFoe, Mrs. A. Mortson; Press Secty., Mrs. W. Sandle; Song Leaders, Mrs. S. Boynton, Mrs. G. Joyce; Flower and Visiting — Mrs. S. Boynton, Mrs. F. McRoberts, Mrs. C. Story; Christian Citizenship—Temperance, Mrs. L. Moir, Mrs. A. Buchanan; United Nations, Mrs. A. Pope, Mrs. R. Brumwell; Christian Education, Mrs. H. McCague, Mrs. L. Mumberson, Mrs. P. Bennett; Victor Home—Mrs. H. McCague; CGIT, Mrs. J. McCague; Manse — Mrs. R. Brumwell, Mrs. H. Mortson, Mrs. F. Gee, Mrs. E. Empringham; Nominations—Mrs. C. Walker, Mrs. F. Brumwell, Mrs. H. Collard, Mrs. L. Hart, Mrs. N. Bell; Social Conveners, Mrs. L. Mumberson, Mrs. E. Empringham, Mrs. H. Collard, Mrs. R. Brumwell. Church News— Rev. Binnington was in charge of the church service on Sunday morning. Messrs. Frank Brumwell and Harold Hill were admitted as new elders to their office, and Messrs. John McCague, Earl Empringham, Alan Chadwick and Reid Brumwell were installed as the new stewards. On Sunday, Feb. 7, at 11:30 a.m. Mr. John Currey will be in charge of the church service. Mr. Currey is a cousin of a former pastor of the Victoria Sq. church — Rev. E. A. Currey.

The flowers in the church on Sunday morning were in loving memory of Mr. Clark Johnson. Neighbourhood Notes— Birthday greetings to: Mr. Charlie Stansbury Sr. for February 1; to Mrs. H. McCague for February 5; to Charles Stansbury Jr. for February 6; to Mrs. Nelson Buchanan for Feb. 8. Sympathy is extended to Mr. Merrill Johnson on the sudden passing of his father, Mr. Clark Johnson. A speedy recovery is wished for all in the community who have the mumps or measles. Some of the adults have fallen victim to the mumps — Mrs. A. Chadwick and Mrs. J. Mackness. Mrs. F. McRoberts gave a very informative report on Sunday of the Sunday School Convention held at Markham. Mrs. Arthur Howitt and Andrew of Chatham, New Jersey, are visiting with her parents and brother, Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Binnington and Allan. Mr. Harold Sanderson and Paul of Richmond Hill called on Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton and Donald on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Allan DaFoe and Gail of Toronto had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley DeFoe. Mr. George Collard of Queen's University, Kingston, spent the weekend at his home. The members of the Girl Guides and their leaders enjoyed a Skating Party at the Unionville Rink on Saturday evening. Mrs. Gordon Hardie, Mrs. Varden, Mrs. N. Johnston and Mrs. P. Rumney attended a Guider's Training course held in the Richmond Hill United Church on Thursday evening. Miss Valerie Rennie of Scarborough is staying with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Jarvis while her mother underwent an operation in the hospital. Lions— Just a reminder of the film being shown in Buttonville Hall on Saturday evening, February 6, sponsored by the Victoria Sq. District Lions Club. A speedy recovery is wished for Mr. Larry Sanderson who underwent an operation in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Mrs. Harry Barber spent a few days with Mr. Walter Jeffries and boys at Guelph as Mrs. Jeffries was in the hospital there undergoing an emergency operation. Home and School — A meeting of the Home and School will be held in the school on Monday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. This will be the annual 'Open House' when both the children and parents are invited to attend. Grade 5 mothers with Mrs. Earl Empringham will be in charge of the refreshments. The parents are asked to please bring in their talent money.

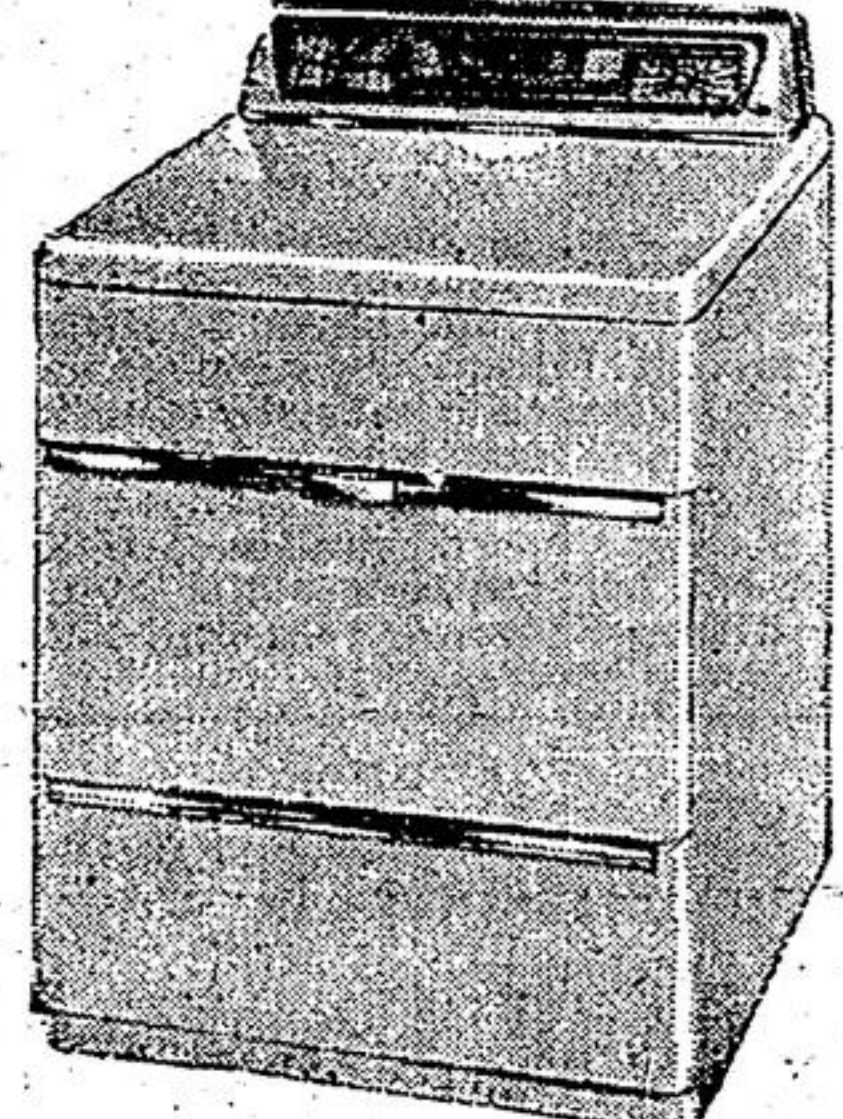
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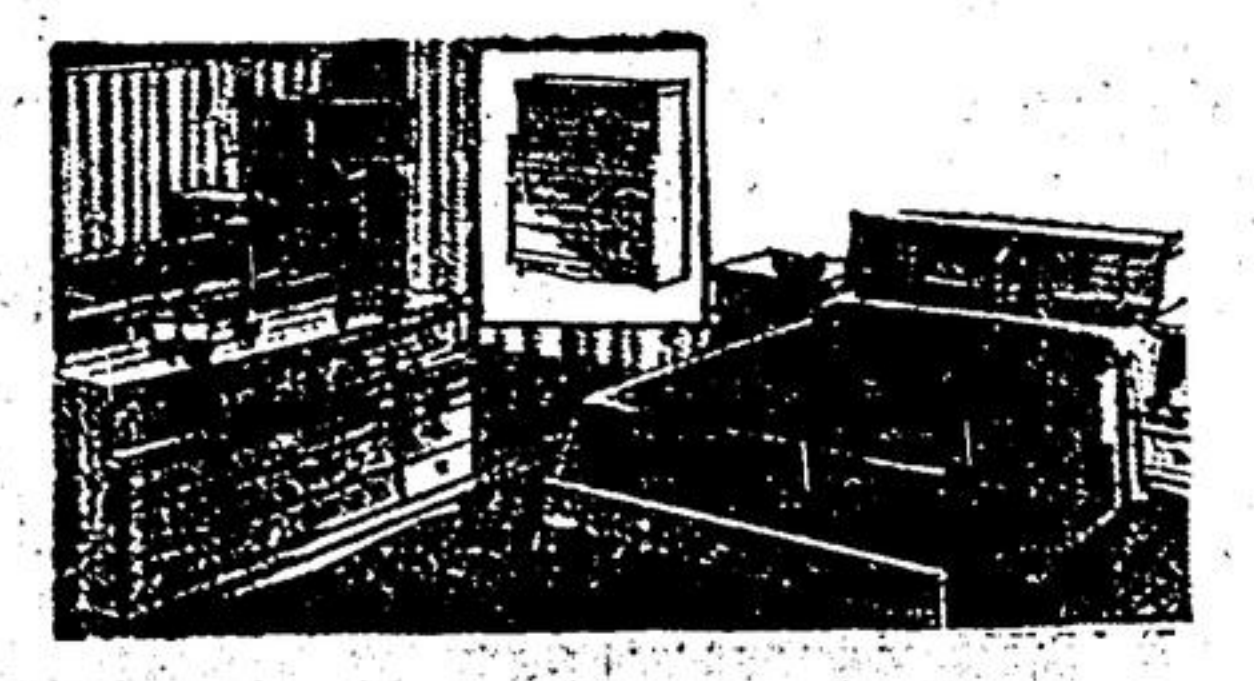
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BLOOMINGTON

A great number from here joined with the families of Mr. Barton Ward as his birthday was celebrated at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hall, at Sharon on Sunday. Several ladies met at Mrs. E. Nesbitt's to do a quilt for the missionary box being readied for the African Mission. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Tranmer and family were at Oshawa on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Decker have returned to Toronto for the winter. The Bible Quiz program was resumed for this season at the Youth Center last Sunday evening. Our team, the Misses Doris, Betty and Ruth Nesbitt, Miss Doreen Ferguson and Joyce Rose scored 90 points against a team from Stouffville United-Missionary Church. Mrs. L. Paisley, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and family of Brampton were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. M. Barnes.

RINGWOOD

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. Forsyth on reaching their 55th wedding anniversary on Jan. 31st. They spent the day quietly at home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bradley and family moved into the house west of the church. We welcome them to the community. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Almer Fockler who were married thirty-six years on Feb. 1st. Church Service 11.10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7th. In the evening our young people will be taking part in the Quiz Contest at the Stouffville Youth Centre. We looked in on the Bake Sale held in Dixon's Hill school-house for the benefit of the Red Cross. The Excelsior Class held their monthly meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ruth Painter. Her sister, Mrs. M. Keith, favored us with two solos. Mr. and Mrs. F. Steckley visited Mrs. C. Baker, Orillia, on Friday. The prayer meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson on Wednesday evening was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson called on Ross Vague in Western Hospital on Sunday afternoon and found him quite cheerful.

BETTER HEALTH

By G. A. Dean, M.D.
MEDICAL: Almost every time the subject of mumps is brought up someone will mention that he had the disease "only on one side" and is concerned about getting it on the other. This is a common fallacy, and it would like to correct it with a few facts. Mumps is an infectious disease (usually contracted in childhood) caused by a virus. It affects the whole body, giving rise to fever, sickness, occasional vomiting, weakness and swelling of several glands. The parotid glands, which lie at the angle of the jaw in front of each ear, are most often involved. The ovaries, testicles and pancreas may also be affected. A moderate or severe case of mumps will result in permanent immunity in most cases. It is unusual to get mumps a second time. A great deal of confusion centers around this fact, however, because there is no way to prove a patient has mumps. It is only an assumption in most instances, especially in very mild attacks. The parotid glands may swell from other causes. If anyone wishes to know if he is immune to mumps, a skin test is available which is accurate. If the results are positive, the person can be almost sure he will not contract mumps. It should be emphasized that mumps rarely affects both testicles in the adult male, so sterility is not likely. Since mumps is generally more severe in the adult, it is best to avoid contact after puberty. If a person is exposed to mumps and if the skin test indicates lack of immunity, a vaccine offers considerable protection, its effectiveness is not 100 per cent.

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