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BROUGHAM NEWS

Mrs. Wm. Ellicott Sr. and Miss Pearl Barrett visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellicott on the occasion of Mr. Manson Ellicott's birthday.

Mrs. H. Crawford and daughter Joyce of Whitby had lunch with their aunt, Mrs. Matthews on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ford and daughter, Gloria, visited with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Ellicott on Monday.

Miss Susan Miller of Whitby spent her Easter holiday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. English.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rowe of Toronto called on his brother, Mr. A. H. Rowe and Mrs. Rowe on Saturday.

Garry Campbell spent a few days last week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tweedle of Whitevale.

We are pleased to report that Miss Eleanor Wannop has returned home from the Oshawa General Hospital and is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Temperton also Cindy and Janet of Oshawa visited on Sunday with Mrs. D. L. Mairs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Beach of Brampton visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Willson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphry of Ashburn called at the home of Mrs. Fisher on Sunday.

Miss Sheila Annis has returned home after spending a week with friends at Port Perry.

Unit No. 3 of the U.C.W. will meet on Thursday (to-day) at the home of Mrs. Geo. Gray. Mrs. N. Burton is the program convener. The roll call will be answered by a verse pertaining to "Spring."

The First Brock Road and Pickering Scouts and Cubs held their "Father and Son Banquet" in the Township Hall on Friday, April 19th. Over 65 sat down to a lovely turkey supper, served by the mothers. Head table guests included: H. C. Harry Cook; A. D. C. (Cubs)—Truman Wilcox; A. D. C. (Scouts)—Cliff Hawker; Training—Frank Hunt; D. Cubmaster—Bill Maldoon; Prov. Constable—Douglas Robinson; S. M.—Bill Slater; A. M. C.—Coleen Slater; A. C. M.—Madeline McGuckin; A. C. M.—Reta Liscombe; Group Committee Chairman—Mr. V. Perkins and his boys; President—Mrs. Sugimori; C. M.—Mrs. L. Hott. Constable Robinson showed slides on safety.

Public School Salary Negotiations Bog Down

(Continued from Front)

teachers are still \$500 below the professional standard, Category II teachers are \$800 short, Category III teachers are \$1000 short, and Category IV teachers (you do not have any) are \$1100 short. All this affects their superannuation as well as their salaries.

We were disappointed also that the Board flatly refused to adjust the responsibility scale for Principals.

We have great sympathy with the problems of taxpayers, being taxpayers ourselves (and some of us paying heavier school taxes than Stouffville pays), but we must reiterate that nobody in the community sacrifices from \$500 to \$1100 a year to keep the schools going.

What made the negotiations particularly difficult is that you actually wanted to cut the Category I maximum by several hundred dollars. Most of your teachers are Category I teachers. You were apparently misled by the Ontario School Trustees' Council representative into thinking this is the way to bring about an increase in qualifications (unless you knew that straight salary cutting was involved here). We explained to you that this had nothing to do with qualifications, but rather with setting up a category of supercheap teachers who would be less interested in raising qualifications than anybody.

True, you withdrew this proposal in the face of determined rejection by the staffs, but in the last Board meeting you stated you fully intended to bring about cuts next year.

This was hardly an inducement to us to accept your "final" offer, which totalled \$3100 on a year's salary output of \$108,000, or an average of 2.9 percent. For all but two teachers, \$100 over 2 years is involved, an increase of \$50 a year or \$4.17 a month. This is slow progress towards professional standards. In actual fact, this small increase may well be more than covered by the retirement or resignations of teachers at present well up the scale.

You told us our professional schedule was "utopian" (even though it would cost an "average" taxpayer no more than three cents a day to put it fully into effect). We do not agree, but we then tried to find some other practical basis for settlement. That basis has to be better than 2.9 percent in two years (even putting the optimistic calculation in your favour), which is less than 1.5 percent a year. We do not think the Board should take advantage of the fact that we, unlike trade unions, have a no-strike policy.

What is at stake here is the right of Stouffville children to receive as good an education in elementary school as children anywhere in the province. The chief factor in this is the teacher.

You speak of inability to pay, yet Prime Minister Robarts has just announced a plan which he says will enable you to meet education costs as well as anybody else, through the new provincial grants system. We told you about this, and you said you doubted whether it would help you, because of the large amount of certain types of assessment here. If the Robarts grants will not help you, this must be a favoured area, and the plea of inability to pay does not hold water. If you are not a favoured area, the plan will help you, and the small amount needed for fully professional salaries can be paid. If the Robarts plan is not good enough to protect the taxpayer and provide good education, we will go with you to Queen's Park for improvements.

The parents of Stouffville and Ontario recognize how vital elementary education is. Yet the discrimination against the elementary schools is seen in this, that your offer for an experienced teacher with a university degree (you do not have such a teacher at the moment) is still \$600 less than is paid in the local high school with money that comes out of the same tax dollar.

To "hold the line" against the elementary schools in this fashion is certainly to make the work of the high school more difficult, to create problems which will last for the lifetime of many children.

We very much hope that you will soon see the value of the teachers' professional schedule as the best investment you can make. It will allow you to build an excellent staff of career teachers on a stable basis. You will be able to do long-term budgetting, rather than jumping from year to year with a large turnover, hoping for a teacher surplus that constantly dries up.

Why are school costs up? It is because people are having more children than ever and because they want these children to stay in school longer than before. School buildings cost more and school supplies (scanty though they sometimes are) also cost more. It costs more for teachers to maintain

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Janice Goudie spent a few days in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. John Forrester.

Tupperware parties are quite popular in our community at the present time. Mrs. M. Marshman and Mrs. D'Arcy Elson were the hostesses during the past week.

Mrs. Morgan Hill is staying with the Kerwood family for a few days while Trudy is in the hospital with a new daughter. Congratulations!

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