

## Victoria Square News

Mrs. W. Sandle

### Obituary

**Late William B. Williams**  
The community was shocked and saddened to learn on Wednesday, April 8, of the sudden passing of Mr. William B. Williams.

Mr. Williams was the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Victoria Sq. Com. Centre, brother of the late Ernest F. Williams.

Bill Williams gave unselfishly of his time and energy to the construction and completion of the Community Centre. He will be ever remembered by his many friends in this community.

William B. Williams was the beloved husband of the late Audrey Elvin Wilman. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jack Gilliland (Jean) Williams, and Douglas M. Williams, and a brother Harry R. Williams Ormond Beach, Florida.

Funeral services conducted by Dr. A. F. Binnington, were held on Saturday, April 11, from the Turner and Porter Funeral Chapel, Roncesvalles Ave., Toronto. Interment followed in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Guelph. Fall bearers were: Les Hart, Eraser, Gordon McWhirter, Gordon Munroe, Clarence Steckley and Zoli Berta.

At the regular meeting of the District Lions Club on Tuesday evening, the guest speaker was Mr. Len Cobb, sales training manager of the Canadian Kodak Co. Ltd., who gave a talk on "What to do with your pictures after they are taken", stressing the desirability of taking more than one picture of a scene or subject, and discarding all inferior pictures.

The Lions Club is having a Rummage and White Elephant Sale at the Community Hall on Saturday, May 2nd, commencing at 10 a.m.

Many items have already been collected by additional articles are still required. This is the time of year for spring cleaning when we find all those things that used to be useful. This is what the Lions Club needs and a phone call to Lion George Brands, 886-5200; Lion Carl Walker, 886-5413; Lion Dick Jones, 297-1144 will get the articles out of your way.

Bake Sale will be run in conjunction with the Rummage Sale and the ladies of the District are unsurpassed in the preparation of pies, cakes, cookies, etc. The proceeds are used for the benefit of the community.

**Euchre**  
There were 12 tables of euchre and one of bridge at the party held in the Community Hall on Friday evening. Bridge prize winner was Mr. Duffy. Euchre prize winners were: Ladies (1) Mrs. Grace Hockley; (2) Mrs. W. Sandle; Consolation: Mrs. Ruth Erickson; Most Lone Hands: Mrs. Florence Dean, Gents (1) Les Noorish; (2) John Orr; Consolation: W. Orr. Most Lone Hands: Les Boyd. Lucky Draw was won by Clarence Steckley.

Another euchre and bridge party will be held in the Com. Hall on Friday evening, April 17th, at 8:15 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**Church News**  
Dr. A. F. Binnington was in charge of the church service on Sunday morning with the reception of new members and Holy Communion was held.

The following were received into Church Membership. By transfer: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Draper from Ebenezer United Church, Milliken; Mr. and Mrs. the Boyd from Knox United Church, Agincourt. By profession of faith: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Denton Brumwell, Mrs. Mart. Styrmo, Misses Shirley Boynton, Judy Hart, Judy Mortson and Patsy Williams.

Sunday, April 18th at 11:30 a.m. Mr. I. Hamid will be in charge of the service. This will be his last service at Victoria Square.

**Sunday School Meeting**  
The superintendent has called a meeting for all teachers, officers and anyone interested in the work of the Sunday School room to meet in the Sunday School room on Wednesday evening, April 22, at 8 p.m.

Neighbourhood Notes  
Birthdays greetings to Mrs. Alan Binnington, Apr. 18; Miss Olive Glover, Apr. 18; Douglas Hill, Apr. 19; Cecil Nichols, Apr. 20; Chris. Mikelsen, one year, Apr. 20; Clarence Steckley, Apr. 21.

Miss Betty Sandle entertained a number of her little friends

on Monday the occasion being in honour of her eighth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley DeFoe entertained at Luncheon on Sunday for the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith who left for an extended trip to California on Monday. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Don. Boynton attended the wedding of Miss Linda Monkman and Mr. Walter Jackson on Saturday afternoon in the Grace Church-on-the-Hill, Toronto. The groom is a brother of Mrs. Boynton.

Miss Olive Glover had Saturday evening dinner with Mrs. A. Frisby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frisby and Ruth, the occasion being in honour of Mrs. A. Frisby's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Draper and Lois had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortson and family.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mr. Clarence Stewart who is ill in the York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Orr and family of King had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Messengers.

The next meeting of the Messengers will be on Saturday, April 25th at 2 p.m.

### Taxation, Not Education Real Problem

Markham Township Public School Trustees met with Inspector Maynard Hallman last week, to discuss the proposed Bill 54. This is the amendment to the Public School Act, which has had two readings in the Ontario Legislature, and, if the third reading is passed, would bring about township school areas as the smallest sphere of public school administration in the province. This sweeping change is suggested for 1965.

At the trustees meeting, two decisions were taken.

1) Trustees will appoint an interim committee to explore the possibilities of amalgamation, should Bill 54 become law.

2) Trustees will present a resolution to the Minister of Education, asking that if Bill 54 is passed, an interim period be allowed for adjustment. From three to five years was the time suggested.

Bill 54 is creating quite a stir across Ontario at present, and educators and taxpayers alike are giving it close scrutiny. Most Markham Trustees believe that the basic aim of the Bill — to provide a more equal opportunity for a good education to urban and rural children alike — is a worthy one. However, they question the advisability of making the sudden sweeping changes, in administration and costs, which the Bill in its present form calls for.

They believe that for townships such as Markham, where there is a small area of heavy population, and a widespread rural population, a period of transition is necessary.

Most trustees want the better education which could be provided, but they are wary of the many adjustments to be made. Mr. Hallman put his finger on the crux of the matter, when he said: "Your real problem is taxation, not education."

The Inspector presented school board members with data on present school population and accommodation in Markham Township.

Speaking of some problems which would confront a township area school board, he pointed out that in TSA #1, on the south-west side of the township in the Thornhill area, there are approximately 50 rooms in five schools, all of which have been built since 1951. Kindergartens and French classes are two of the special education features here, where the 1963 millrate for farm and residential taxes was 35 mills.

At the opposite of the scale, there is the 100-year-old one-roomed school at Locust Hill, which recently amalgamated with Cedar Grove to create TSA #4. Last year the Locust Hill millrate was 3.9. Here, there is little in way of special education, but there are transportation costs.

Taking into account the 12 school areas and sections across the township, and using the '63 tax figures as a basis, the average millrate would be just under 27 mills — a much higher rate than most school sections now enjoy.

In fairness to the TSA #1 board members, they are no more anxious to trust their high tax burden on the rural population, than the rural areas are to receive it. It was this wish to ease the burden, which caused trustees to suggest the resolution to Minister William Davis.

In the event of amalgamation, Mr. Hallman said trustees may

be asked to find whether there is a demand for kindergartens or other special education. They would also have to seek a settlement of a 12-board salary schedule. "If we are going to have improved service, we have to pay for it," he said. "A township area will not necessarily give better education, but it will improve the possibility."

Present public school accommodation should suffice for the coming year, according to the inspector, but near Thornhill, where a new development is in draft, 65 children are presently being sent to Vaughan Township schools.

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