

# No Decision In '65 That Can't Be Changed "Buildings Without Good Teachers Are Nothing"

GREENWOOD — No decision will be made in 1965 that will commit the board to a major expenditure in 1966. Chairman Donald Gibson of School Area Board No. 1 in Pickering Twp., gave a group of residents this assurance on Monday night following a lengthy discussion on future education plans.

The Chairman made it quite clear, however, that education standards of 30 years ago were not adequate for the world of today and the board would be neglecting its duties if it did not advance its facilities in keeping with the times.

The delegation, headed by Hugh Miller of Claremont R.R.2, questioned a suggested proposal by the board that could result in the erection of a senior public school (grades 7 and 8) at a central point in the area. He charged that such a system was still an 'experiment' with little proof of improved results. "I hope the board will take a good long look at this affair, realizing that it will place an added burden on the taxpayers and still may prove unsuccessful", he said.

### Few Teachers

Mr. Gibson said that the formation of the Area program had automatically resulted in major education changes. He noted that it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain qualified teachers in one and two-room schools. "And I can understand why," he said, "for the same money, you should have a teacher accept 8 grades or even four when she can go to a school with one grade." "If you don't have the teachers you don't have anything." He noted too, that it wasn't fair for the children either, to have less opportunities in rural areas than in more urban centres. "It's a big enough jump from grade 8 to grade 9," he continued, "can you then visualize a student moving from a 1-room to a 50-room school?" He estimated that the senior public school program would mean a 2 1/2 mill tax increase in Area 1. He warned that if some educational progress was not apparent in the Area, the Dept. of Education could very well approve of amalgamation with Area 2 and the mill rate would then double.

"They (Area 2) have a country cousin's back pocket up here. (Area 1) that they have every intention of picking," agreed board member Eleanor McKean. Mrs. McKean charged that the whole issue had been given undue publicity before the board had reached even a decision among its own members. She admitted that the board was divided in its thinking. Trustee Charles McTaggart agreed that the senior school idea would likely come in the future. He suggested that in the meantime, it would be a wise move to expand some of the schools now in use.

Think of Children Trustee Gordon Pearce charged that in the discussion, the most important part of the Area's education plan, the children, had been overlooked. "It's what's best for them that in the long run, really counts," he said. He argued that all board members are taxpayers and as vitally interested in saving money as anyone else. "We want to weigh all the facts before we make a decision," he said. He noted that on one side of the question are the students and on the other side is the

cost. "We must draw a line down the centre," he said.

The Board Chairman explained that it was necessary for the members to discuss plans for the future. "We can't operate on a hand to mouth basis. When September comes, the children are at the door and we must provide the room for them." He said that since 1961, the student enrollment had climbed from 1,175 to 1,303 or about 5 percent. He noted that assessment figures in the Area had gone up over \$2,000,000 in the same period. With reference to the senior public school, Mr. Gibson said that such a program was favoured by the Dept. of Education. "There's no system in the world that won't be criticized or won't have weaknesses," he said. Inspector J. C. McClelland said that the Area was represented by "a fine board" and that much work and study had gone into an improved educational system.

The Chairman said that only the groundwork had been done and nothing entirely permanent would be finalized in the current year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner returned on Thursday after driving Mrs. Clinton Neville to Florida for the winter.

Mr. Herbert Simmonds spent the weekend at "Braeside". Sorry to hear Mr. George Pickett is in the Cottage Hospital at Uxbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones attended the Auction Sale of Howard Ormerod, Greenwood, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bev. Taylor and family, Oshawa, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner.

Mrs. Charles Fiss and Mrs. Edgar Johnson spent last Tuesday at the Hopkins, Ashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones called on Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Forsyth on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jones and family of Newmarket visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Thompson of Langstaff visited on Friday with the Johnson family.

## Balsam School Lot Sold for \$1,150

GREENWOOD — The Pickering Twp. School Board of Area No. 2 has accepted a tender bid of \$1,150 for the Balsam school and lot. It was the highest of two prices received.

The purchaser, Alberta Buckland, plans to remove the building and later sell the lot. Board member, Eleanor McKean said that she would abide by an earlier policy to sell to the highest bidder but admitted that she personally favoured the sale to a local party. The second tender was filed by a local resident.

## Former Pastor, 94, Sends Greetings On Anniversary

CLAREMONT — The Baptist Church was filled on Sunday, Oct. 24th, for the 144th anniversary of its establishment in Claremont. Dr. N. H. Parker of McMaster University spoke at both the morning and evening services. Two beautiful anthems were rendered by Miss Vivian Sadler of Bowmanville. At the close of the evening service, the congregation met in the Sunday School room for a fireside chat. Dr. Hillier and the deacons of the church, Robt. Hansen, Bud Harden and Maurice Binsted greeted the visitors. A short resume of the history of the church was given by Dr. Hillier and pictures of former ministers and events of past years were on display. Dr. Parker was in display. Rev. Walter Daniel who ministered at Claremont 25 years ago. Rev. Daniel, now 94, and Mrs. Daniel reside in a Toronto nursing home.

Among those present at the anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pilkey, Miss Ada Found, Miss Gertrude Morgan and Miss Mabel Edwards of Toronto; Mrs. Sadler of Bowmanville; Mrs. Doug. Dickinson of Uxbridge; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Manderson of Balsam; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gostick, Muriel and Edith of Green River and Mrs. Dowdell.

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He was checking the muffler on a car when the vehicle rolled backwards off a front jack and pinned him to the floor. Fortunately, his brother, Gary was present and was able to raise the auto against Mr. Coppins was taken to hospital by ambulance but remained fully conscious during the ordeal. He suffered a broken breast bone and separated ribs. He is now up and around again but has not returned to work.

Mr. Wm. Evans has been named President of the Claremont Lawn Bowling Club for the new season of 1966.

The village was unusually quiet on Halloween night, quiet in the sense that local firemen were nearly driven crazy last year, answering calls into the early hours of the morning.

Ontario Provincial Police were out in force and several carloads of 'outsiders' were turned back on the Brock Road before they could enter the village. One minor fire was started in the east end, but it was quickly extinguished.

Mrs. Irene Jensen, RR 2, Claremont, and Mr. Walter Cowie of Stouffville were married in the Queensville United Church on Saturday, Oct. 30. Attending there were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walker of Riverdrive Park. Next Saturday evening, Nov. 6, a reception will be held for Mr. and Mrs. Cowie at the home of the bride's son, Mr. Jack Jensen RR 2.

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## Assessment Hikes Retained by Court

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The majority involved residences that represented a direct income to their owners through rental to tenants.

An assessment increase on land was also general across the township and the majority of these appeals were also sustained.

The judge's decision did not come through in time to make the necessary adjustments on the current year's rate and the County Assessment Department merely adopted the same or slightly higher figures.

James Taylor of Scarborough, a solicitor of high reputation in assessment matters, represented the majority of gravel pit companies. In three appeals filed by

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