

For Special Meeting Of E. K. School Board

"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe. She had so many children she didn't know what to do." No one referred to these lines Wednesday night at a special meeting of the East Kildonan School Board to study enrollment, but it was really the theme of the meeting.

Here is the enrollment problem and its complications the board faced:

Students attending Lord Wolseley—584.

Students designated for Angus McKay (which is unfinished) who are also attending Lord Wolseley—211.

Result: grades 1 and 2 (including children who would be going to Angus McKay) are on regular hours at Lord Wolseley. Grades 3-8 (including those in 3 and 4 who would be going to Angus McKay) are on staggered hours at Lord Wolseley

— first shift 8-12.30 noon, second shift 12-30-5, a staff of teachers for each shift.

Students attending Prince Edward—556.

Result—regular hours. Students attending Polson—357. Students designated for Munroe (which is unfinished) who are also attending Polson—166.

Result: grade 1 (including children who would be going to Munroe) are on regular hours at Polson. Grade 2 (of Polson) are on regular hours. Grade 2 (of Munroe) and grades 3-8 (including children in 3 and 4 who would be going to Munroe) are on staggered hours at Polson.

Students attending Miles Macdonell—186.

Result—regular hours. Students attending Salisbury Schools—292.

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Among the complications are the fact that the Board decided previously not to stagger grade ones in any event; some teachers have too many children while others could take a few more in their classes; children should not have to walk any farther than necessary; they should not have to pass by a school in order to get to a school which can accommodate them.

For instance, as few as possible from Polson area should go to Salisbury Schools; there is only room for so many seats.

Further, Angus McKay School may not be open for a while yet, and the architects have set Sept. 28 as the tentative opening date of Munroe School.

This is what the Board did:

It saw that Lord Wolseley was the worst hit and was overcrowded. By working it out with all the school principals and the school inspector who attended the meeting, it was decided that with a bit of shifting a room could be made available in Miles Macdonell and a grade could move there from Lord Wolseley.

It saw that as Munroe School would be open sooner than Angus McKay, the staggering at Polson would be relieved sooner than at Lord Wolseley. It saw that no more should have to go from the Polson area to Salisbury.

The Board gave principals the authority to transfer some students to another school, depending where they live if there is more room at

the other school. Any moves that will be made will be on a geographical basis.

For instance, a child on Trent who lives a little west of Watt is about the same distance from Prince Edward as he is from Polson. In this case if he was going to one school and there was more room at the other, he would have about the same distance to walk if he were transferred.

The attendance picture may change during the year, up or down slightly, according to past experience.

The Board is fully aware that with rapid development of new homes, plus the existing number of children who will soon be starting school, more school building will probably have to be undertaken. It has the Metropolitan Town Planning Commission working on the picture, using the census figures gathered by local community club ladies' auxiliaries and other relevant data. A report will be made shortly to the Board.

The Board also moved the following motion to stem rumors about why the Munroe School hadn't opened:

"The Board publicize the fact that through the receipt of wrong information the delay in the opening of the Munroe School was placed on Brown & Rutherford Ltd. for failing to deliver millwork. As a result of further enquiries it was learned that this information was incorrect and the Board wished to go on record clearing Brown & Rutherford of any blame in the delay of this school."

Fall Fun Fair To Feature Many Prizes and Contests

Many games, contests and fun can be expected for all attending the East Kildonan Fall Fun Fair Sept. 25th and 26th where bags of candy, novelties, blotters, etc., besides prizes, will be handed out.

The draw prizes, which include a gas power mower, bicycle, mantle radio, electric clock and electric lamp, are on display at Parsons Hardware, Henderson Highway.

The prizes for the races may be seen at Rogers Grocery, 683 Henderson Highway.

Pet owners should take special note to have their pet looking its best for the show.

The fancy tricycle contest will provide junior with lots of fun. Dad will be allowed to help decorate the three-wheeler.

Heads Chalmers 53-54 Season

held its annual meeting Wednesday, officers for the coming season. Result is that G. Tilbury was named president in office: A. Priestly, vice-president and Bill Warnick, sports committee chairman; committee chairman; J. Hughesman,

ther work had been done by the Board.

Earth had also been dumped on the north side of Chalmers on the Giants Field towards Wolfe for a new baseball diamond, but no further work had been done on this.

This summer the Board did not supply a Supervisor to operate a playground at the club as was done last summer.

The membership drive this summer met with good results, although the business canvass was not completed. The financial picture was sound, with chief revenues from the annual winter carnival, teen-age dances, socials and the canvass. The carnival was the largest item of income.

Newly-elected president G. Tilbury stressed that more members of the community must come forward to help if the club is to serve the district. He would like to see more members make use of their membership by coming out to the club and assisting with the work. Volunteer supervisors are especially needed.

Mr. Tilbury sees the problem in this light — the money is there to spend for the benefit of the community, but more people are needed to help spend that money by turning out to help.

The club is beginning its series of adult variety nights for this season next Thursday, Sept. 24, at 8