

SCHOOLS.

NOBLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL S.S. NO.19.

The first school that was built in the Nobleton Community was erected on Lot 2, Concession 9--King Township. The present premises of Robert Burnfield; and it was built in the year 1820. It was a one room structure, built entirely of logs. In 1870, a two-roomed frame building was built on the present school site. The land was bought for Five Hundred Dollars and consisted of one and one-quarter acres. In 1897, the teacher in the Junior Room received a salary of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars per year. The principal of the school in the Senior Room received Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars per year.

In the year 1936, the school board decided to tear down the frame two-room school and build a one-room brick school. In 1952 another room was added to this building.

When I first came to Nobleton school in September 1950, there was a total attendance of forty-two pupils, which steadily increased until there was almost fifty when the new room was begun to be erected. In September 1954, there was a total enrollment of seventy-nine pupils.

Mr. R.J. Mactaggart was secretary-treasurer of Nobleton school for thirty-nine years. Starting from the year 1914 to 1953. His predecessor Mr. J.W. Larkin served the school for around twenty-two years, until 1914. After Mr. R.J. Mactaggart resigned in 1953 the school board appointed his son Kenneth Mactaggart.

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GROWTH OF NOBLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

In 1953 the school consisted of the original one room plus an added east room for first three grades. The teacher was a Miss Sampson, other grades were taught by Mr. Sterling, Principal. A caretaker, Mr. T.K. Agar, was hired at a salary of \$300. per year and a radio was suggested for school use.

In 1954 Miss Sampson resigned and Mr. Sterling was asked for his resignation in June. In 1955, Mrs. Downing took Mr. Sterling's place. Half-holidays for village funerals were discontinued. 1956 - The school board planned to purchase 3 or 4 acres of land from Mr. Arthur Hill adjoining the school grounds at \$2,200. per acre. Mrs. K. Brown became the new caretaker at \$500. per year. In 1957 the Ratepayers' meeting discussed a new building. Survey of school population proposed. Cost of buildings must not exceed \$25,000. Mrs. K. Goodfellow was hired for extra room in the basement. \$25,000. was borrowed from the Imperial Bank (Schomberg) and it was moved to borrow \$1,200. from King Township at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to run not more than three years. In 1958 it was decided to build two classrooms with plumbing and heating facilities for four rooms. Architects Vine and Robinson of Toronto were paid for their services. Mr. Rigler (music teacher) was hired for three classes at \$4.00 per room. Lowest tender was by Macnaughton Construction. Mr. L. Ellis hired as caretaker at \$1,000. per year. In 1959 Mr. B. Carberry became permanent caretaker at \$150. per month. Mr. S. Campbell was hired as principal for a salary of \$4,000. Teachers at this time were as follows - Mr. S. Campbell, Mr. R. Edwards, Mrs. E. Chamberlain, Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Goodfellow, In later years, Mr. Lloyd Scott, Mrs. Hill (Miss Thacker) Mrs. G. Troyer, Mrs. J. Cole, Miss E. Meek, Miss Constable (Mrs. Agar) Mrs. Rushton, Mrs. David Broad (Marilyn Hill) were added. In 1965 Mrs. Cole became secretary, and Mrs. Agar became grade 1 teacher replacing Mrs. Chamberlain who was asked to take over the position of principal at Strange School. Three new teachers were hired - one for grade 2 and one for three and four as well as Mr. Thompson as vice principal.

Inspector Mr. W.J. McLeod of Richmond Hill was installed in 1960. Tenders for four room addition by Mr. L. Boehm were submitted, accepted at \$56,292 subject to approval of O.M.B. In 1961 the board met with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Dewitt and decided to purchase film projector at \$632. Caretaker's salary was raised to \$2300 due to extra rooms. Board also decided to purchase two, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ gal fire extinguishers and 2 (10 lb) dry chemical extinguishers from Ross Kennedy, Fire Chief of the Village. In 1962 transportation of pupils by bus was arranged as follows - pick up all children from one mile and over from the northern limits to southern border of the town line, at King and Vaughan, along King, Nobleton Road from 2nd concession. Some pupils from Linton School now attending by bus.

In 1963 a tape recorder was purchased by the school board paying half and the other half by the Home and School Association. The caretaker's salary set for \$2,800 for the next year. The bus now picks up pupils from Humber Trail. December 1963 was the last meeting of the board under the old name of S.S. #19, King. This section, along with three others, namely, S.S. 16, Crawford, S.S. 7, Tenth Line, S.S. 18, Linton had formed a new area to be named, "Township School Area, #3 (King Township). New Board members were elected: Chairman Carl Boynton, Sec. Treasurer Fergus Mactaggart, with Steve Seed, Glen Davis, Fred Lister and Ross Taylor.

In 1964 some pupils from all these schools now attend Nobleton by bus. Nobleton's Home and School are a valuable and helpful addition in many ways. Besides acting as a link between parents and pupils, teachers and School Board, they raise money to help extra projects for the school pupils by means of Tea and Bake sales, euchres and various other activities. They purchase school pins and sponsor the Graduation Banquet Supper held every June for Grade 8 pupils.



Nobleton Public School addition in 1966



Kindergarten, two classrooms and staff room added



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SYNOPSIS OF GROWTH FROM SEPTEMBER 1965 - JANUARY 1, 1969.

Expansion and many other changes have been made at Nobleton Public School since 1965. On Hallowe'en, some pranksters threw lighted firecrackers on the roof which kindled the shingles on the old section, resulting in a total re-roofing of the original school soon after.

The year 1966 was a scene of hustle and bustle and noise with the erection of another addition on the south side of the school to be ready for occupancy in September of that year. This new section consisted of a kindergarten classroom; two classrooms divided by a movable partition, to serve as a large teaching area or an assemble room; a staff room; and the re-located washrooms for staff members. A second furnace was installed in the boiler room to heat this new section and increased plumbing facilities in already existing washrooms were repaired.

Mrs. Linda Olsen was our first Kindergarten teacher with 52 pupils enrolled. Parents are required to provide transportation for kindergarten children. Mr. Robert B. Hughes, B.A., of Kleinburg, formerly of the North York Board of Education, was hired as new principal of this K - 6 elementary school. Mr. S. Campbell was granted one year's sabbatical leave to attend university; and grades 7 and 8 are now being transported to the new Senior Public School at King City.

Nobleton Public School now has 12 classrooms plus a section of the old basement being used for a library which boasts 2700 books. The librarian's allotted time for the library has been steadily increased from 20% of the school week in 1966 and 40% in 1967 to 60% in 1968. Mrs. Jean Goodfellow is the librarian.

Late in 1965, the 1½ hours allowed for lunch was standardized in the township to one hour. This shortened lunch period allows school to be dismissed at 3:30 P.M. The lunch hour is an active part of the school day with organized and supervised games and sports (such as soccer, cribbage, croc@inole, floor hockey, volleyball, and softball) being enjoyed; also choirs and recorder practice sessions, depending on the time of the year.

In 1965, Mrs. Jessie L. Cole was hired as school secretary for three half-days per week, increasing to five half-days the same year and in late 1968 to seven half-days per week. Changes in school telephone from a previous unlisted number to a listed number in 1966 and an extension phone in secretary's office in 1967. Commencing in 1966, the Public Health Nurse visits the school regularly one day per week. The Home and School Association disbanded in late Spring of 1967. In 1968 a new Heintzman piano, costing \$800 was purchased for use in the kindergarten room.

Upon the death of Mr. Bev Carberry, Sr. in June 1967, Jim Donneral took over the job of caretaker of the school and he is allowed one part-time helper.

Beginning in 1968, the third week of March has been established as the winter holidays for the pupils and convention week for teachers.

SYNOPSIS OF GROWTH OF NOBLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL (cont'd)

In the past, the academic program consisted mainly of the 3 R's - readin', 'riting, and 'rithmetic being taught, whereas today, emphasis is placed upon the individual pupil moving at his own rate of progress; less emphasis upon one text book per grade, but rather using various sources of information, such as - many books, the library, films, filmstrips, community resources, etc.; the child is encouraged to think, discover and reason for himself. Beginning in 1967, public speaking plays a definite part of the curriculum and oratorical contests are held each Spring.

Physical Fitness is stressed and good sportsmanship is encouraged. During winter months, skating at the community arena on Friday afternoons is enjoyed with organized sports in the warmer months, culminating in the Annual Field Day in late May.

Social Studies and Science are still part of the curriculum, camouflaged by field trips which, in the past the school board contributed \$1.00 per pupil and the parents making up the difference, have taken the children to such places as historic sites, museums, conservation areas, and other points of interest, as well as receiving their debut in opera and art. The music teacher comes to the school two days per week.

Other advantages for the children are available through itinerant teachers - Speech, Enrichment, and Remedial.

The highlight of the year 1967 was the excursion to Montreal to visit EXPO 67 for several grade six pupils at their own expense.

December 31, 1968 brought the end to Township School Area of King. We are now under the jurisdiction of the York County Board of Education with head office in Aurora. Enrolment at the school at the time of publication is 385.

1968 - 1969 STAFF:

Principal-Robert B. Hughes, B.A.	Mrs. Chris Chamberlain
	Mrs. Fred (Elsa) Wald
Vice-Principal-John F. Thompson	Mrs. Eric McDonald (Edith)
	Mrs. Barry Matson (Linda)
Principal's Relief-Mrs. William Reid (Marg)	Mrs. David Tompsett
(wife of United Church minister)	(Anne)
	Miss Lynda Lemmon
Librarian-Mrs. Kenneth Goodfellow (Jean)	Miss Gwenneth Flinn
	Mrs. George Troyer (Mereda)
	Miss Evelyn Goldthorpe
	Mrs. Ronald Cairns (Muriel)
	Mrs. Stanley Hull (Flora)
	Mrs. Howard Williamson
	(Myrna)
	Mrs. Donald McCutcheon
	(Colleen)
Remedial-Mrs. Frank Ball (Mary)	
Speech-Mrs. Herbert (Bert) Platt (Jean)	
Enrichment-Mrs. Douglas Gosbee (Jean)	
Caretaker-Mr. James Donneral	
Secretary-Mrs. Victor C. Cole (Jessie)	



The new Senior Public School at Nobleton, although incomplete, opened Tuesday morning, September 2, 1969 for classes. Seven buses for the first time transported children of grades 6, 7, and 8 from the entire area west of Highway 400, who live in King Township, with the exception of Kettleby area which sends grades 7 and 8 only to Nobleton.

Principal Edward Griffith, of Aurora welcomed the pupils who assembled in the three area classrooms, where chairs were put in the day previous.

Principal Griffith is very enthusiastic about the new school and new educational system, which disregards the old grade levels. Emphasis is directed to the individual student program. In this way a pupil who is good in mathematics may be placed at grade 8 level and if not so good in English he may better be in level 6 or 7, reported the principal.

The school will cost close to the \$1,000,000 mark when fully equipped, it is estimated. Situated on twenty acres of land on Highway 27, above the village limits, of the east side, plans are for a future campus type of school which will include a junior school and maybe in time, a secondary school.

There are eighteen teaching areas in the new building, made up of three large areas, equal to nine classrooms, all carpeted, on the first level. Also on this level are the general offices, the principal's and vice principal's offices, gymnasium of 6300 square feet with change rooms adjacent, has a fine stage included. The huge Library Resource Centre has 2,000 square feet floor space, off which are two seminar rooms for intensive discussion and research. There also is the guidance area on this floor and teacher's lounge and kitchen.



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The lower level provides two academic classrooms, also large rooms for industrial arts, home economics, art, music and a science lab. The lunch room is also on the lower level and all student washrooms.

We agree with the principal that the new school resembles greatly a secondary school with its rotary system. It was noted that the Ontario Hydro provides free of charge, equipment for the home economics area, including stoves, refrigerator, freezer, washer and dryer.

The vice principal is Mr. John Martins of Stouffville. Teaching communications or English skills which include literature history and French are Miss Mara Petersons, Miss Janice Brownlee, Bob Reeves, Bill Elderkin, John Henderson, Ishwar Blabdial, Dave Hutton and Dave Merkley. **Environmental** studies or Math, science and geography will be taught by Mrs. Elizabeth Gillam, Cliff Bell, John Mullings. **Humanities and Physical education**, music, art, industrial arts and crafts and home economics are taught by Mrs. Mary Storey, John Loughlin, Ralph Foster, Mrs. Olga Case, Miss Brenda Holt, Don Drury. The librarian is Jim Eves and the secretary is Mrs. Florence Atherly.

We hope to visit this new education center later, when the necessary equipment has been installed. It is the hope of the area school board and of the principal and teaching staff that Nobleton village and area will use the facilities provided for adult education, the library and recreation after school hours.