

# New Donwood Elementary School

River East School Division No. 9 has received approval from the Public Schools Finance Board for the construction of a new elementary school to be located in the new River East development area east of Brian Drive and south of Apollo Drive in the North Kildonan Municipality.

Tenders for the construction of the school has been awarded to Raymond Massey Construction Ltd. The total estimated cost of construction, architectural and engineering fees, furnishing and land costs is \$925,690.00. Completion date for construction is scheduled for February 1st., 1971 and occupancy by January 1st. 1971.

The following educational facilities will provide accommodation and instructional areas for at least 600 pupils from Kindergarten through Grade VI: double kindergarten open space for grades one and two on the first level, as well as, an art room and a science room; open area teaching stat-



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## happenings in

## River East

## School Division

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### DONWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The new Donwood Elementary School situated in the River East Park area in the Rural Municipality of North Kildonan was officially opened on May 13th.

The principal of this school is E. G. Wall who when asked about this new house of learning replied,

"Educational facilities today should help to create the kind of atmosphere and environment which will encourage children to learn, to experiment and to investigate at a rate appropriate to each individual's capacity. With this in mind Donwood Elementary School has been designed and constructed to include many features which will make this desired goal more easily attainable.

The large, carpeted Kindergarten suite, complete with 'wet area', separate washrooms and ample storage and display space, can accommodate 120 pupils daily. A one-way glass window, complete with an electronic listening device allows for pupil observation as desired by parents, student teachers and educators.

The Science and Art Rooms both are complete with all modern facilities to enable the teachers to provide in-depth treatment of these disciplines. Both rooms have the required storage space built in as well as display cases which can be viewed from the adjacent corridor.

A stepped-floor theatre, with off-parallel side walls is available for music, lectures, films and plays. The carpeted risers are sufficiently high to permit their use as seats, thus eliminating costly furniture and

giving this area added flexibility.

The spacious and attractive gymnasium with built-in climbing equipment, dividing curtain and fold-away stage, adjacent dressing and equipment rooms, provides all facilities needed for a comprehensive physical-education program and for use as a recreational center for the community.

The Media Center is located on the second level and is easily accessible to all pupils. Reference material for all levels in the form of books, picture files, film strips, maps, globes, transparencies, etc. and audio visual equipment is located in this area.

Study carrels work tables and reading centers are available to the pupils under the guidance of the teacher-librarian in this area.

Three 'open-space' learning areas, each of which can accommodate approximately 200 pupils, are provided with wall storage shelving, display tackboard and movable chalkboards.

These areas all have acoustically treated ceilings, carpeted floors and a color-a cheery comfortable and noise-controlled environment.

Seminar rooms and teacher preparation rooms provide a privacy feature where this is required. The administrative offices are laid out attractively and the adjacent work-areas and storage rooms provide for efficiency in operations.

To the normal intercommunication system, a special telephone channel has been added which provides private communication to and from the various areas.

The school has also been wired for closed circuit television with terminals throughout the school. The building is air-conditioned to provide a uniform controlled temperature summer or winter.

These new and modern facilities will allow for the flexibility which is desirable to group pupils in large or small groups for various activities at any time during the day. In this way the pupils benefit from working in close proximity and in co-operation with a variety of teachers and pupils.

Activities at our school are child-centered under the direction of teachers

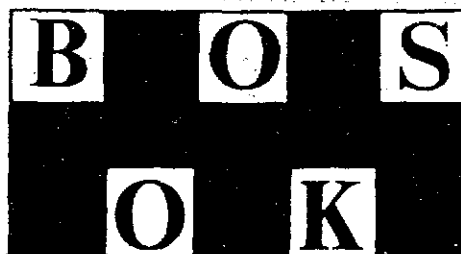
who gear activities to be challenging and rewarding to the many different interests and potentialities of the children".

### INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS BY TRUSTEES

During the next few months the Trustees with representatives from the Superintendents Department and the Maintenance Department will visit all schools within the division. The committee has already visited some schools and the Bus Garage which is situated at Birds Hill.

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### Henderson Regional Library

A list of some recent books available at Henderson Regional Library:

"Suicide; Prevention, Intervention, Postvention" by Earl A. Grollman.

Studied here are the religious, philosophical and psychological viewpoints on suicide.

"The White Majority" by Louise K. Howe, Ed. A new look at the white working class.

"This Good, Good Earth: Our Fight For Survival" by Ralph O. Brinkhurst.

This book puts particular emphasis on Canadian problems of pollution.

"She'll Never Get Off the Ground" by Robert J. Serling.

This novel provides in-

sight into what happens when a woman invades a man's world.

"Come Die With Me" by James Eastwood.

A television script becomes the basis of real-life drama in this novel of suspense.

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The Library will be closed Saturdays during June, July and August.

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# English/ German makes the grade at Donwood

This year's introduction of the English/German Bilingual Program in Donwood School has proceeded smoothly, according to Donwood principal, Guenther Strempler.

Donwood Elementary School is the second school in the River East school division to implement the English/German bilingual program. Princess Margaret School currently has about 275 students enrolled in the program from Kindergarten to Grade 4. Donwood has about 75 students in Kindergarten to Grade 2.

Because of the success the English/German program is enjoying in the River East school division, other communities are also interested in it. This fall marks the first time the English/German bilingual program has been implemented in a rural community. About 45 students are enrolled in the program in the South Oaks Elementary School in Gruenthal, Manitoba.

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