

Baird, Audrey

Personality Profile Of The Week

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BIOGRAPHY - BAIRD

In the words of Miss Audrey W. Baird "teaching can be a most exciting and challenging profession. I would recommend it to anyone interested in working with children."

the executive body.

Miss Baird explained that the Commission concerns itself with research and resulting recommendations regarding improvement in curriculum and methods of teaching

an exciting challenge.

To her, the Township Board, with its contemporary approaches to education, offers an ideal environment in addition, which will add two classrooms (replacing port-

At the present time, Miss Baird is the only woman principal in the Toronto Township public school system. Possibly however, the more unusual aspect of her present position arises from the fact that this appointment came four years ago to a primary school teacher; for it is with the primary grades that she has always worked, and in which she feels that the foundations of good education are based.

Born in South River in 1924, Miss Baird completed her early schooling in Collingwood and Orillia and qualified herself for her profession at the Toronto Teachers' College. For the next nine years she taught in the rural schools in and around Orillia until, in 1952, she moved to the Toronto area.

While teaching at Lyndwood Public School where she taught for nine years she worked on her B.A. at the University of Toronto, gaining this degree by taking extension courses. As Miss Baird remarked, 'this is a rather long road to take, to obtain a degree, but it is quite possible.'

In 1961, having completed her B.A. she moved to Lakeview Beach Public School again as a primary teacher and the following year, 1962, was appointed Principal of Hawthorne Public School.

That summer Miss Baird treated herself to a full summer's vacation, travelling throughout Canada and the United States and indulging herself in one of her hobbies — colored slide photography. About this hobby, she describes herself as a happy and, by-chance, successful, amateur photographer, "after all, today's cameras do most of the work."



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