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Three Era and Express carriers were guests of the newspaper Saturday night at Maple Leaf Gardens. In front is Edwin Timbers, Centre St., Aurora, with Norris Ball, 57 Walter St., Newmarket, at the left and Dan Gibbons, 181 Penn Ave. at right, with Don Simmons, Maple Leaf goalkeeper between them. Photographic murals on the wall of the Gardens press room are shown behind the group. Shepherd-Staff

Carrier Boys See Leafs Play

Three members of the carrier staff of The Era and Express were guests of the newspaper Saturday night when they saw the hockey game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Norris Ball and Dan Gibbons, both of Newmarket, and Edwin Timbers, Centre St., Aurora, were thrilled with the game and the opportunity afterwards to visit the Gardens Press Room to meet members of the Maple Leaf organization, have their picture taken with goalkeeper Don Simmons and see Johnny Wayne, Frank Shuster and Toronto sports writers.

The boys visited a well known restaurant where they had ample opportunity to complete the evening's entertainment with a substantial snack.

Norris Ball, Dan Gibbons and Edwin Timbers were chosen for their outstanding service as carrier boys. A similar evening will be held in December for other carriers.

Lions Receive $83 For Yule Basket Fund

The following donations to the Newmarket Lions Club Christmas Basket Fund are acknowledged:

E. J. Davis Jr.	$25
Argus Cameras of Canada Ltd.	$15
Frank Henney	$5
Muriel Gilgour	$2
Joyce Bothwell	$1
Pollock's Shoes	$10
P. S. Legge & Son	$5
Coward Clothes Shop	$10
Deerfield Plastics Ltd.	$5
A Friend	$5
Total	$83

Those wishing to contribute may leave donations at any branch of chartered bank in Newmarket, or to Floyd Hale, chairman of the project. Acknowledgements will be made each week.

Santa Parade

The Santa Claus Parade in Newmarket will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, and the committee in charge of the event report that plans for a gala turnout of floats, clowns, bands and nursery rhyme figures are almost completed.

QUESTIONS FROM FLOOR, TOO

Municipal Politics Get Airing When Candidates Present Views

Taxpayers of Newmarket, some 200 of them, were treated to a hearty diet of municipal politics at the Monday evening "Candidates Night" at the Town Hall. Items on the menu included fireworks on the proposed Hi-Homes development to smoke pollution, with small side orders of mayoralty dignity, garbage disposal, parks improvement and band tax inquiries rounding out the civic oral banquet.

Refreshments served by the Jaycettes at the conclusion of the evening were merely the tangible evidence of a rather "meaty" night.

With Chairman Harry Legge in charge of the meeting sponsored by the Jaycees Civic Affairs Committee, headed by Bernie Swaile, the three mayoralty aspirants, nine council candidates and two acclaimed members of council, Reeve Sidney Legge and Deputy-Reeve Clare Salisbury, occupied seats on the stage and the evening was under way, although 40 minutes behind schedule.

Order of speaking was by drawn number, for both the mayor and council seats.

Veteran of municipal politics, Edward Wrightman, with his eye on the mayor's chair, was the first to speak. During his appeal for support Mr. Wrightman stated he felt he has experiences in civic affairs to merit his election to head of council. He outlined that he has had three years as councillor in recent years and previously served as deputy-reeve for three years. While in York County council he was a county commissioner and chairman of the committee administering the Home for the Aged.

"Problems in Newmarket, of which there are many, can only be solved by goodwill and co-operation in a sound, progressive, business-like administration" Mr. Wrightman said "There is no place whatever for bickering and contention, for pettiness and spite, for personalities and prejudice. The great, the crying need of our town today is for a vigorous and united program, progressive and prudent, to put Newmarket on the road to advancement and prosperity".

Continuing he stated "such a program I promise to initiate and, to the best of my ability, carry out, with co-operation, and I stress for it is vitally important of the council whom you elect".

Concluding, Mr. Wrightman said that Newmarket represents 9½ percent of York County council assessment which at the 1962 county levy was around $115,000 so "I will do my best to keep a keen eye on the taxpayers' dollars of Newmarket."

Fred Counter, mayoralty candidate, reiterated his platform of Unity - Stability and Progressive Action, saying he had no notes and would not present a lot of figures which could prove rather burdensome.

He stressed the need of industry for Newmarket but emphasized that council and citizens alike must present a unified front if industry was to be attracted to locate here. Referring to his second point, stability, Mr. Counter pointed out the importance of proper leadership and suggested that if elected, he would provide such leadership.

Progressive action, he said, means planning today for the future if Newmarket is to grow. The candidate said there had been a lack of planning in council this year, also that some action would have to be taken in future planning to stop the skyrocketting of taxes.

Mr. Counter pointed to the need for a better liaison between the school boards and town council. "I am not knocking education but we have to realize that over 50 percent of our tax dollar goes for education. Both council and the school boards should sit together to discuss educational needs and how much it will cost the taxpayers", he said.

Speaking briefly, Deputy-reeve Clare Salisbury stated he appreciated his acclamation and would work to prove his worth. He revealed that, while he has been chairman of the roads and bridges committee of council, Newmarket has added over three miles of sidewalks, three streets were paved, two bridges built and a third bridge is under construction.

Next year will be a busy

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COUNCIL IRE AROUSED

Mayor Admits Delaying Action On Hi-Homes Deal

Mayor W. A. Kent, seeking his third term of office in Newmarket, caused a fresh stir across the pond of municipal affairs Monday night when he admitted he had phoned the officials at the Department of Municipal Affairs in Toronto and had been the cause of the delay in sanctioning the controversial Hi-Homes project.

It was during the question and answer period of the "Meet The Candidate" night, sponsored by the local Jaycees, that the mayor brought the wrath of several of the present council members around his ears including Councillor Roy Keffer, who told the audience, "This is a prime example of why there has been controversy and bickering in your council, we have been subject to this type of dictatorial action both on this Hi-Homes affair and many others. I stand by what I have done in council and you, the electors, have the final say...if you still feel we have done something wrong or underhanded, then sling us out'".

In the ten minutes alloted to each candidate for the mayor's chair, Mr. Kent told the audience that the present council had started many things in the town and his policy, as related to municipal affairs had not changed. "If any candidate for office says he can cut taxes at the present time, then he should watch out, or the squirrels will get him." As long as I am mayor, we will go by the book and I am still of the opinion that this Hi-Homes project did not follow procedure. The mayor admitted that at the council meeting of October 21, he had told council "The whole deal stinks" and had further remarked that "It looked as though the deal had been pushed through".

The mayor voiced regret at the loss of Deputy-Reeve Caroline Ion to the town and said, "Newmarket's loss will be Orillia's gain". We will miss Mrs. Ion's sound judgment and keen appraisal of municipal affairs and her steadying influence in the council chamber".

"We have encouraged more industry to Newmarket during the past two years, said the mayor, including Argus Cameras, British Mortgage and Trust and Aurora Tool and Die. Other projects listed by the mayor included sewage work, water purification, remodelling at the police station and jail and the Fairy Lake project.

"We must have proper zoning and to this end Councillor Tom Taylor and his committee have prepared the zoning by-law and it has been forwarded to Toronto for approval before receiving final reading.

Following up a question from the audience as to the time needed for municipal business by candidates who already have business interests in the town, Mayor Kent said it was a full time job and the mayor must be ready at all times to meet a delegation or answer questions.

Reeve P. S. Legge thanked the electors for his acclamation to the position of reeve and as chairman of the Water and Sewers Committee, gave a resume of the work accomplished and plans for the future. "I was mayor of this town for three months during the mayor's illness and I feel that we did a good job".

Newly acclaimed Deputy-Reeve Clare Salisbury also thanked the audience for his acclamation and welcomed the opportunity to sit on county council and learn more of municipal affairs at that level under the direction of Reeve Legge.

Too Many Gaps

Mrs. Laura Catherwood, a new aspirant to a council seat, confined her remarks mostly to the problem of air pollution in the town. "We would be horrified if we were asked to drink polluted water, yet this problem of polluted air is just as serious. Smoke filled air is cancer laden and carries for 30 miles." Regarding the Hi-Homes question, Mrs. Catherwood said the taxpayers have a right to know the fasts." The story of this Hi-Homes deal still has too many gaps".

Tom Surgeoner, also aspiring for a seat on council, told the audience that as a business man in the town he felt that he should carry some of the responsibility. He had no specific platform, but agreed with Mr. Taylor's remarks that Newmarket should consider a community centre or some similar project under the Canada Centennial grants scheme.

"I would be naive to think I could do much better in council," said Andrew Doak, who is seeking a council seat".

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County Council Seeks Own Judicial District; Names School Trustees

York County Council gave complete support to a resolution presented by Reeve J. O. Dales, North Gwillimbury, that the county receive credit for the $1,000,000 to be paid as York's share toward the cost of Metro Toronto's new courthouse.

Prefacing his resolution with some explanation, Mr. Dales told county council the Metro courthouse would cost the county more than $1 million but York would not have any capital right, title or interest in the new structure.

Under the Metro Toronto Act, York County is required to pay a share of the construction and maintenance costs. For the past three years, York county council, representing 14 municipalities north of Metro, has been trying to have established a judicial district and courthouse of its own.

Mr. Dales said that "if and when the county is permitted to withdraw from the present judicial district and to build its own courthouse, we want our money back from Metro Toronto."

In approving the resolution, council members appointed Reeve Albert Rutherford, Vaughan township, to confer with Attorney General Fred M. Cass to discuss possibility of any change in the present judicial district.

The report of the Warden and Commissioners revealed that on Friday of each week there is a Chambers Court held at the county building and that the Attorney General's Department is agreeable to the holding of Non-Jury Court in the council chambers when the facilities are not required for county council sessions.

County Council gave approval to a request from the Town of Newmarket that an elevated water tank be established on county property.

A bylaw to authorize the appointment of W. J. Taylor and William Sellers to the Toronto and York Roads Commission for a five year term was passed.

Trustees appointed to district high school boards were: Aurora, John C. Dew; York Central District, Dr. Lewis White; Markham, William Speers; Stouffville, Gordon Ratcliff; Newmarket District, Max Stiles and A. J. Rettie; and Sutton District, Leslie Burrows.

Hospital Costs

Reeve Norn Garriock, Woodbridge, presented a proposal to county council that his municipality be relieved of at least a part of the county levy set for the support of hospitals in York.

Mr. Garriock told council his people used the facilities of Peel Memorial Hospital and that none were admitted to hospitals in York. He advocated the establishing of "hospital areas" which would overlap county boundaries and provide a better system of cost distribution.

Deputy-Reeve Caroline Ion, Newmarket, objected to Mr. Garriock's proposal on the ground that it was completely contrary to the system of county financing and Reeve J. O. Dales, North Gwillimbury, classed it as a plea for Woodbridge's exemption to paying into the York hospital levy system.

Reeve E. J. Norris, Georgina, expressed himself as being in sympathy with the situation described by Mr. Garriock. "We in Georgina are using the hospitals at Uxbridge, Lindsay and Orillia because of the geographical location," he said.

Reeve Mariane Gillan, Sutton, said she felt more information should be presented to county council before any action was taken and on this

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"Candidate Night" Comment

Apparently the magic word at the Candidates Night meeting was "Hi-Homes Ltd.".

Not for many moons has there been such an uproar in the old Town Hall as Monday evening when the controversial "Hi-Homes" so-called deal was thoroughly hauled over the coals by members of the taxpaying audience. Nor has there been an item that was so vigorously defended by council members seeking re-election. The well-worn cliche of "hammer and tongs" was not adequate to describe the proceedings.

Some good burghers seem to think that there is a slice of Danish cheese in the council kitchen that has not been properly aired and is not good for communal digestion. At least they implied that this was the case as the "maisonettes" were given a thorough castigation.

Members of the '63 council were just as vehement in defending the sale of the property and proposed erection of the maisonettes. They, with two exceptions, Mayor Kent and Councillor Salisbury, feel that the sale of the property is a good thing and the housing will be a fine revenue producer, taxwise, for the town.

For awhile the mystery seemed to be—if the proposal has had two readings why hasn't the Ontario Municipal Board given its blessing to the project—then the fog cleared. Mayor Bert Kent comes to the fore, stated the deal was illegal and admitted he had phoned the proper authorities to hold up the proceedings. Proving naturally, that the telephone IS faster than the mail.

Councillor Roy Keffer fought back at the mayor. He said that he had voted to accept the Hi-Homes proposal and told the audience that Mayor Kent's phone call is only one example of the type of obstructions the chief magistrate has plagued council with all year. He finished his tirade by telling the voters "If council has not done right, kick 'em all out next Monday".

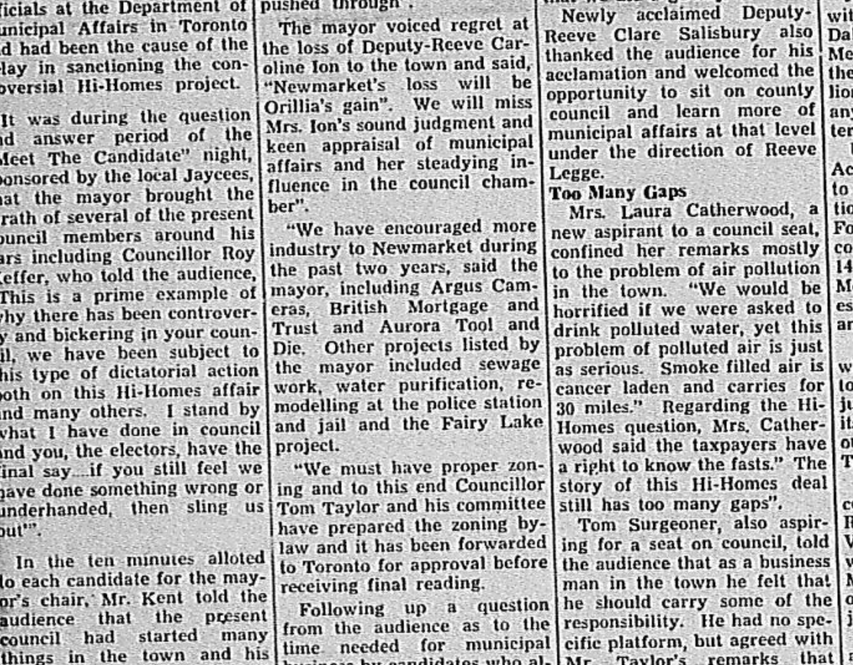
Looks like this "hot potato" will be kicked around plenty before election day. And it won't end there. It could easily be one of the top priority issues the 1964 council will have to decide. No matter which way the affair goes it will leave a woolly taste in the mouth of some people.

Visibly stirred and more than a little angered, council candidate Drew Doak took the microphone near the end of the meeting to rattle the ears of the audience. From down front it was easy to see Drew was mad, not like some detergents 95%, but "clear through".

Doak battered the taxpayers' ears thusly—"You elect men and then abuse them. This is the reason why good, learned men will not run for council. I am prepared to accept council's decision on these matters and I was present when this particular thing came up and I think they did right. Why aren't you people in the council chamber when problems like Hi-Homes come up? You get a smattering of a problem and then proceed to tear council's decision apart without knowing the whole story of procuring all the facts."

Enuff' said.

Be it ever a rumble—there's no place like home—Hi-Homes?



A delegation of men interested in agriculture in Afghanistan, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and other countries of the east, visited last Thursday's session of York County Council on the invitation of Reeve Norn Garriock of Woodbridge. Shown during the social hour are, left to right, Mustafa Latifi of Afghanistan, Naseeb D. Hassan of Lebanon, and Mazin U. U. Whaj of Jordan. Shepherd-Staff

10 RUN FOR COUNCIL

C. F. Davis, D. J. Murray Seek Aurora Mayoralty

Interest in the municipal election at Aurora is high with two contesting the mayoralty and 10 candidates battling for the six council seats.

Clarence Davis, Reeve this year and Warden of York, is forsaking his county connections to run for mayor. Running against him will be D. J. Murray who has had previous experience as a member of council and as mayor.

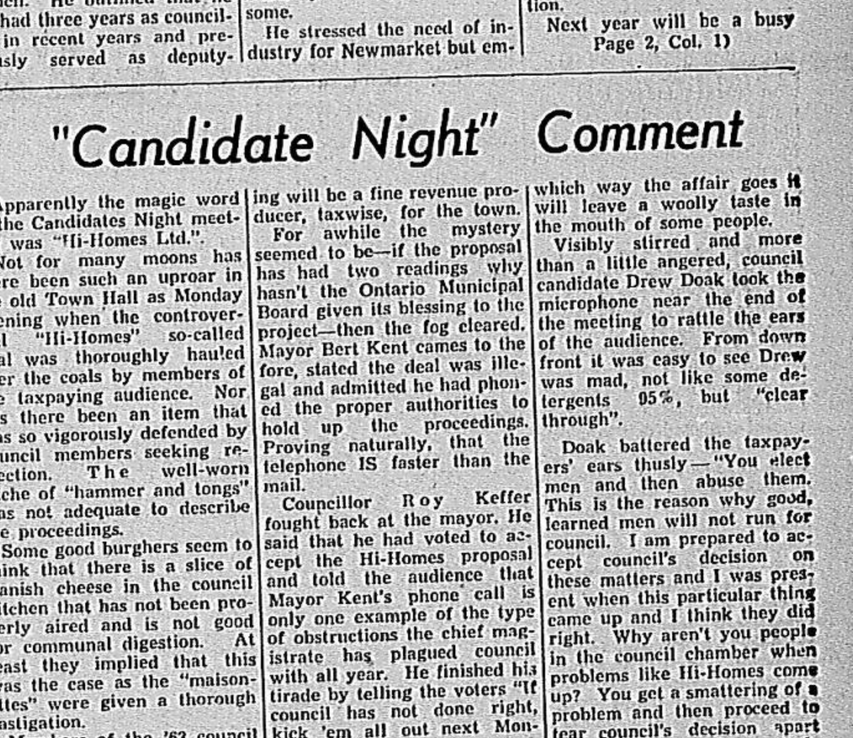
Four of this year's councillors will seek re-election. Tom D. Manning, Alf Child, Vic Jones and J. H. D. Williamson will have opposition from S. G. Patrick, W. C. Corbett, N. Perkin, A. William Giddy, R D. Adgey and R. Simmons

William H. Stoddart moved up from deputy-reeve to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Davis' decision to stand for mayor, and Mrs. Jean Moffat set her sights for the deputy-reeveship. Both received an acclamation.

The three seats on the public school board were filled by acclamation with G. Morgan, A. Turnbull and R. Bisnop named to fill the vacancies. Mr. Giddy was nominated as a school trustee but preferred to run for council.

The position of hydro commissioner was also filled by acclamation when H. D. Hamilton was the only person nominated.

Elections will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, with an advance poll held Dec. 2.



Individuals and industry shared the responsibility of providing blood for the many hospitals at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held Tuesday in the Canadian Legion Hall. Many firms including Line and Cable Ltd. and Woolworths allowed employees time during the afternoon to attend the clinic and help provide the 200 bottles needed. Three donors, Mr. Burgess, works manager of Line and Cable, Tony Orpel, also of Line and Cable and Mrs. R. Feld, Riverdrive Park, are seen in the recovey section with Peggy Stevens, nurse. Walden-Staff