

# Garage as Residence Poser for Councillors

Now houses, garages and trailers came in for more discussion at a meeting of the Township Council on Monday, Sept. 18 when a man asked for permission to live in a garage near Limehouse until he can build a house on the property.

While councillors recognized the need for some form of zoning by-law to prevent such a thing from happening, they had to admit they were stymied by his request. Legally, the township cannot prevent him from obtaining a building permit for a garage and there is nothing on the books to say he cannot live in the garage.

The applicant, Ralph Hollis, was quite open and honest about the request. He said he was being married shortly and wanted to build a 12 by 22 ft. garage to tide him over until he could get his house under construction. He even offered to sign an agreement including a date when he would be obliged to vacate the garage.

Council was against his idea of living in the garage but had no legal grounds to stop him. Instead, they suggested he would be better to build the basement of the house, roof it

over and live in it; or rent a trailer in which he could live on the property.

"Your mistake was in being too honest," summed up Cr. Tom Hill. He said the man would have built a garage and moved in, and the township could not stop him.

"We haven't got a leg to stand on," added Cr. Pat Peterson, but he hoped the man would do the right thing for the sake of the rest of the township residents.

"Let's not make fish of one and fowl of the other, continued Cr. Hill. "We let people build a cellar and live in it for five years before they build a house over it. We let them live in trailers some without a fee. Why stop this man from living in a garage?"

The applicant was urged to check with the Health Unit and see if the inspectors would approve residence in a garage.

Meanwhile the council is calling its solicitor to see what can be done.

Members were generally in agreement that a zoning by-law is needed.

# Home Ransacked, Terrier Is Shot by Intruders

A Kerry Blue Terrier, protecting his master's property, was shot in the mouth by daylight robbers who left the family pet to die after ransacking the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Long, five miles west of Georgetown.

Although the front door was unlatched the thieves, using a machete, cut out a bedroom window screen to get into the house.

The silver, a collection of dimes that Mr. Long was saving

for a telephone lens, was in a bottle.

North Hallow OPP constable Joe Feldcamp investigated the robbery.

The Longs, a family of animal lovers, were horrified at the brutal slaying of their pet. "Cameras and guns can be replaced," said Alf Long, "but to butcher a dog and leave it to die in agony is unforgivable."

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