

Presses for Apartment Says Town Lost \$18,000

George Thomas again appeared before council Monday night in another round in his running battle to obtain a building permit for an apartment building on Mountainview Road.

"I feel I'm not getting fair play," he complained as he went on to list the course of the events since he first applied for a permit a year ago. He claimed his first application was made last spring. The engineer at that time did nothing with the plans, said Mr. Thomas. Then a building inspector was hired, much later, the plans were presented to council, then to Planning Board, he continued.

Mr. Thomas then listed all the various requirements made upon him from time to time, even up to producing the deed to the land, and stated he had conformed to everything asked of him. "In fact much more than anyone else," he commented.

Before concluding he reminded council the town would be getting eighteen thousand dollars a year taxes by now if he had received his permit when he first applied.

Cr. Roy Ballentine, a member of the Planning Board assured Mr. Thomas there was nothing personal in the building permit trouble. He said Planning Board were in doubt about the feasibility, which he admitted was the required 75 feet, but part of it is only two feet deep, said Cr. Ballentine.

He claimed the height of the building did not conform to the old by-law, under which this project was judged. (The amended by-law will provide for high rise). Mr. Ballentine also attacked the number of parking

spaces per unit. In this plan there is one unit per suite, while Cr. Ballentine contended 1.5 spaces per suite was desirable. (The amended by-law stipulates 1.5 spaces but the old by-law says one space.)

Continuing Cr. Ballentine stated the school situation in the area was unfavourable, he also contended schools, churches, libraries and stores should be in walking distance of apartments.

Cr. Robert Francis questioned the two foot strip, mentioned by Cr. Ballentine. "Was this land acquired later to conform?" demanded Cr. Francis.

"I fully state without fear of contradiction," retorted Steve Emerson, who sold the land to Mr. Thomas, "that all the land was bought at one time."

Reeve W. Hunter remarked, "Let's throw out the church and library argument, they're as far from one end of town as another." He maintained Mr. Thomas had done everything asked of him and more. "If they didn't want highrise, why wasn't he told in the beginning, and saved a lot of expense?"

Deputy Reeve Spaight told council they all know the land was zoned correctly. "If I had been put to all the trouble and expense he has, I'd have a writ of mandamus issued against the town," concluded the deputy Reeve.

After an hour's discussion, council decided to ask the town solicitor, his opinion on the legality of the frontage on the property, and ask the engineer for his written opinion on the sewer and water services in the area, and the effect of an 85 suite apartment building on them. Both questions are to be answered by April 1st.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Enjoyed Mexico Trip but Find 'No Place Like Home'

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reynolds, Confederation St. have returned from a winter holiday in Mexico. They motored down through the states, entering Mexico at Laredo, Texas. They chose the old 85 route down the east coast rather than the very new highway thus a more scenic route through the Aztec villages of the Sierra Mountains. Here they were amazed to see the fertile and the primitive. The Mexicans travel with cart and ox or mule, they hand plough the extremely hilly countryside where they grow corn or wheat. On the level fields they grow oranges. The women do a great deal of the work of the farm. They watched a very old lady grinding wheat between two flat stones. Everywhere there are so many children who do not seem to go to school and whenever the car is stopped they flock around begging for pesos (8 cents in our money). They live in straw huts about 8' x 9' with mud walls and floor a hole in the wall for a window and another hole is the door and if the mother happens to be cooking over some sticks with a clay pot, the smoke is following out the openings. They drove on to Mexico City which is a beautiful, modern city, then on to Acapulco where they sat in a lovely restaurant watching the divers off the cliffs dive 85 feet into a gorge which was breathtaking. By the way this was seen recently on 'Wild World of Sport' on TV and it must have been exciting to have been there.

They travelled thru a silver mining town, Taxco which is kept as it was when they mined the silver, back along the west coast which seems more progressive and up to date, mostly inhabited by Spanish, crossing the border into Nogales, California. They visited an open market once but the stretch from the meat and fish and files was once too often. The water and food for tourists is a problem. They say to avoid drinking the tap water and eat only vegetables grown under the ground. They say the meat must have been aged on the roof. The women carry water on their heads while they carry the baby in a sling on their back. They do their laundry in the river. In the mountains it rains every day about four o'clock which makes the vegetables in the Sierras most fresh and green. The pine trees here are the most beautiful, the Reynolds have never seen. They took a boat trip in Acapulco and getting off the boat about 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Reynolds felt a little hand on hers and here was a little fellow no more than 4 or 5 years old wanting to help her down some steps expecting to get a peso. They stayed at hotels and each night the gates were locked. They are enclosed by a wall and in an enclosed compound to prevent theft of contents of cars. It was quite common to be stopped along the way by a very early man in uniform for inspection. They remarked that from the time they en-

tered from Laredo, Texas till leaving, they never saw a road sign or any other sign in English. If you were in a very good restaurant in Mexico City there would be the two languages, Spanish and English, on the menu. Otherwise everything is Spanish. They had a Spanish-English dictionary but by the time you found the word you were miles further on. They travelled through Tombstone, Arizona, the Navajo Trail, visited friends in Los Angeles and toured the city, went to Grand Canyon where they took a trip in a Piper Cherokee right into the Canyon which Mrs. Reynolds says topped everything they have seen. She says it certainly opened their eyes as to how some folk have to live and work in such crude ways and thankful they live where they do.

They travelled some 9,000 miles and they would like to go back but first learn Spanish so she could communicate better with them.

The March meeting of the St. Alban's Guild was held at the home of Mrs. James Frank, Main St. with ten members present. The meeting opened with prayers by the president. The secretary's report was given by Mrs. J. Hooper and the treasurer's report by Mrs. Len Murdoch. The annual bazaar date was set for May 11th in the Parish hall. Further arrangements for the church dance were made for March 23. Catering jobs were discussed and prices set. Material was given out for ladies to work on for bazaar. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting is at Mrs. Len Murdoch's new home on the ninth line on April 1st.

On Sunday, March 17th the Glen Ladies provided the help for serving the boys' supper for the hockey tournament in town.

Evening Communion service was held at St. Alban's Church, March 24. Being Mothering Sunday each mother and child was presented with a pink carnation. Following the service a letter was read by the rector's warden, Tom Hill, announcing that Rev. Llewellyn will be leaving St. Alban's and St. Paul's, Norval parishes shortly for a parish in Hamilton.

Little four and half year old Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Haines is in Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto for treatment. We hope he'll soon be well enough to come home.

The Cancer Society campaign is coming up in April. Our volunteer canvassers will be on the job again. They did an extremely good job last year and this year we hope for even better. If you have a half hour to spend, you would find a programme on TV on Saturday, March 30 at 4 p.m. over Channel 11 very worth while and gives you a better insight into the work of the Society.

— Mrs. C. Barth

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Resident Logs Signs of Spring

What constitutes the first day of spring, asks R.C. (Bob) Ollivier, 35 Henry Street?

Is it the first robin? The crows cawing? Or just a certain feeling deep inside, which makes the world seem just a little better that day?

Mr. Ollivier has kept this log. Maybe your "first day" fits into the pattern somewhere.

March 1 — Noticed an increase in the number of crows.

March 6 — Snow disappearing, and bare earth much more noticeable.

March 8 — Sportsman's Show in Toronto.

March 9 — Muskrats sunning themselves and feeding in daylight.

March 10 — Grouse are showing.

March 12 — Many varieties of small birds noted, including golden crown kinglet.

March 21 — Robins are appearing.

March 22 — Vanguard of six Canada geese, 6:30 a.m. at 1,000 feet.

March 23 — More Canada geese.

March 25 — Wind blowing now from S.W.

March 26 — Robins have been around all winter, but the migrating ones which started to return March 21st didn't start singing until today and are very active now.

Social & Personal

Mrs. Fred Ainsworth, RR 2, Georgetown, has just returned from a week's holiday with Mrs. David Brill of Willowdale.

Miss Elizabeth Leslie, 7 Durham Street, flew to Hawaii recently for a vacation. She stayed at the Ala Moana Hale on the island of Oahu.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNally Jane and John, 22 Market St., motored south for the winter holiday week, and spent several days at Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Bradley, 15 Parkway Blvd. and Mr. and Mrs. John Todd, 2 Guelph St., spent last week at Myrtle Beach South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robert and children, 7 Edith St., were holidaying last week at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Noble and sons Peter and Phillip, 118 Guelph Street, motored to Boston and New York City for a trip during the school winter holidays week.

Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gudni Sigurdson, 42 Hale Drive, flew to Vancouver, B.C. last week where she visited with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thor Sigurdson.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Henley and children Philip and Meredith, 31 Charles Street, flew west last week. They visited Los Angeles where the children were treated to a visit to Disneyland, and then spent a few days in San Francisco before the trip home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Mino, 15 McNabb St., and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stigger, 55 King St. E., have returned from a winter vacation which they spent at Treasure Island near St. Petersburg, Florida.

Little Miss Kelly Mierama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ubo Mierama, of Norval, celebrated her first birthday, Monday March 25. On Sunday afternoon March 24, her cousins Miriam and Graham Hill, Marvin and Brian Lonstra, Heather Mulder, Sean Mierama, and Rebecca

Has joined her for a little party. On Monday evening, her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. S. Mierama and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill attended a birthday supper. In the evening of March 25, ladies of Maple Avenue Baptist Church gave her a surprise party.

All great accomplishments are attained through cooperation.

PROFESSOR ON COAST

Dr. Andrew Molocoy is spending the first six months of this year as a visiting professor at the University of California (Berkeley).

This summer with his wife, Margaret Sargant, and children, he is planning to return to Canada after several years on the coast.

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