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## Markham Council Re-appoints Road Superintendent Middleton On a Straight Salary Basis

Salary will be \$1200, per year—Reeve Gohn and Councillor Beatty Favored a Higher Salary—Scale for Road Foremen From Forty Cents to Thirty-Five Cents per Hour.

The members of Markham Town- wishes of a council. ship council met in regular session at | Councillor Smith-He has that powthe Township Hall, Unionville on er, however if he chooses to use it. Tuesday afternoon and considered at | Deputy-Reeve Padget-What are some length the matter of the ap- the special qualifications of a road pointment of a road superintendent. Superintendent? After much discussion on the subject | Mr. Higgins-I would say experi-Mr. L. Middleton, the present incum- ence in practical road building. bent of the office, was re-appointed, Mr. Padget-That is he should be his salary to be \$125. per month for able to lay out work, give an approxieight months of the year and \$50 per mate estimate on the amount of matmonth for four winter months. Depu- erial needed on a certain section of ty-Reeve Stiver, Deputy-Reeve Padg- road and an estimate of the cost and et and Councillor R.A. Smith sup- also be able to figure out a yard of ported the motion. Councillor Beat- gravel. ty voted against it and Reeve Gohn | Mr. Higgins-One of the most imexpressed his opposition to it. Mr. portant requisites is that he be able Middleton was appointed road super- to handle men and get work done. intendent in April 1927 and his form- Deputy-Reeve Stiver-What aer salary was \$90 per month and ten mount of road is sufficient to be undcents per mile for the use of his car. er the care of one road foreman. port was \$140 per month. Under the limit. new arrangement he will be paid a In speaking to the question of the

lowance. the duty of the superintendent to sup- ent had full charge. ervise all work done in the Township. Deputy-Reeve Stiver asked what should or could be done in a case where a man was satisfactory to the not satisfy the ratepayers. Mr. Higgins answered that in such a case the council should ask the superintendent to consider the matter of securing another man to take his place. He stressed the point that there should department. be the closest possible co-operation at all times between the superintendent

and the members of the council. system the council would have no say whatever over the road foremen.

Mr. Higgins-The foremen are responsible to road superintendent but I would keep a foreman against the

PHONE

His average salary for nine months Mr. Higgins-It is generally accepin 1927 according to the auditor's re- ted that from eight to ten miles is the

straight salary with no mileage al- appointment of a superintendent Reeve Gohn said that it was only dur-Mr. Higgins of the Ontario De- ing the past three years that Markpartment of Highways was present ham Township actually had a road and outlined the position of the de- superintendent. The first year the partment in the matter of road sup- different members of the council had erintendents, and briefly reviewed the charge of the various divisions but in duties of the office. He said it was the past two years the superintend-

Mr. Higgins very clearly outlined Under the present system the work the position of the Department. He for the year is outlined by the council said that they paid one half of the and a certain sum appropriated and it salary of the superintendent. They is then the duty of the superintendent provided capable engineers and audito have the work done in a satisfac -- tors to go through the province intory manner. He engages all men structing the men in the very best and it is essential that proper records and most approved methods of gettbe kept of all work and this is care-jing work done. He said it was not fully checked by department auditors. hard to see the difficulty when the department men returned the following spring only to find a new man on the job and all the work of previous superintendent but quite plainly did years lost. They had found that this practice was getting them nowhere and as a result last year legislation was passed whereby the appointment of a road superintendent by a township council must be approved by the

Deputy-Reeve Padget-We can relieve you of that difficulty by reverting to statute labor. I favored the new system but I'll go back to Statute Deputy--Reeve Padget-Under that Labor in a minute if we can't be boss in our own house.

co-operate with the Department in Toronto on Tuesday of last week. every possible way but we represent The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Duke-I do not think any superintendent the ratepayers of the Township and law was solemnized on April 3rd, 18we must carry out their wishes. This 78 and the ceremony was performed pitching contest will be a feature of council has to stand by the ratepay- at Sherwood by the late Rev. Jeremers and they're not satisfied with the liah Fishburn the bridesmaid being way things have been going. The Miss Maggie Oster and the groomslast election showed that.

> Reeve Gohn-If they're not satisfied, what is the bone of contention. Councillor Smith-You know what

> Reeve Gohn--I don't know but maybe you'll tell us.

Councillor Smith-They claim they haven't been getting value for their money. Look at our roads. A few have been getting all the work and some men can't possibly get a job. The overhead has been too high.

Reeve Gohn-I contend that the overhead expenses in Markham Township are lower than any other municipality in York County.

Councillor Beatty-I think the sooner we get teamsters to draw gravel and do our work instead of hiring farmers we will be better off occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Andand get more work done.

Reeve Gohn-I think our roads here compare favorably with other municipalities but roads are bad everywhere

the appointment of the Road Superintendent Reeve Gohn said that there had not been over two complaints come to the council board about the work or conditions last year.

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**EVENTS** 

### Maple

Easter services were held in the churches on Sunday and appropriate music rendered. In the evening Rev. Dr. A.E. Armstrong, Foreign Secre- MONSTER COMPETITION PLANtary of the W.M.S. gave an inspiring address to a large congregation. A generous thank offering was given. Mr. E. Gordon who recently sold his farm to Mr. A. Baggs had a very suc- shoes" has staged a wonderful comecessful sale of stock, farm imple- back in recent years and is gaining ments and furniture last Thursday. popularity in all sections of the In spite of the bad roads a large country. A contest of huge proporticrowd was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keys attended the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Councillor Smith-I'm anxious to Mrs. Peter Dukelaw at their home in man Mr. T.H. Keys.

> Belleville are visiting Rev. A.S. and county. Local fans can start practic-Mrs. Kerr at the parsonage.

> The monthly meeting of the Hope Sewing Circle was held last Thursday give any suggestions for holding the afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. S. Kerr. About thirty were present and after the close of the meeting dainty benefit of their ideas. WATCH FOR refreshments were served.

Mr. Howard Manning of Guelph spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Malloy of the townline have rented part of Mrs. W. Malloy's home and moved in last

Mr. E. Stong and family of Edgeley, have moved into the house lately

### OLDE TYME DANCE

Threshers' old Tyme dance will be In speaking again to the subject of held in the Community Hall, Maple, Wednesday, April 25th at 8 p.m. McDonald's Orchestra in attendance. W. Walker, floor manager. Admission, gents \$1.00. Lunch provided. Everybody welcome. Committee A. McCluskey, G. Cooper and G. Kerr.

# HORSE-SHOE PITCHING CONTEST AT THE FAIR

NED AS FEATURE OF SPRING EXHIBITION

The time-honored game of "horseons was held last year by the Royal Winter Fair with the distinguished patronage on the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier of the province

The directors of the Richmond Hill Fair have decided that a horse-shoe May 24. The details of the contest will be announced later but it is assured that there will be valuable prizes which will probably attract en-Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Barlow of thusiasts from all sections of the ling any day now to get in condition for the big event and any who can contest are invited to give the directors and the committee in charge the FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE MONSTER HORSE-SHOE PITCHING CONTEST TO BE HELD AT THE RICHMOND HILL FAIR ON MAY 24.

> HOME-MADE COOKING SALE A sale of home-made cooking, candy, rummage sale and 15c. tea will be held in the school room of the Presbyterian Church, Richmond Hill, on Saturday, April 14th., at 3 o'clock.

### LANGSTAFF

The following pupils of the Sr. IV Class of Langstaff Public School were successful in their Easter Examinations. The names are in order of standing.

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