

Sixth Concession Deputation Waited On Markham Council

Road In Bad Shape and Strong Deputation Asks That It Be Fixed—Contractors Are Already On The Job.

Markham township council session at the township hall, Unionville, on Monday afternoon was featured by a large and representative deputation of ratepayers complaining of the deplorable condition of the sixth concession north of Unionville and asking what action the council planned. A. D. Bruce of Gormley acted as spokesman for the deputation and ably laid the case before the members of the council. Reeve Gohn reviewed the events leading up to the taking back of the road, by the township from the County. When the readjustment of county road mileage was made it was agreed that some additional road should be taken in Markham. The fourth was suggested but as it was so close to the sixth the suggestion could not be entertained. The only alternative was for the township to take back the sixth and have the county take the fourth and eighth concessions as county roads which was agreed to. Reeve Gohn explained that the township was thus relieved of the upkeep of the eighth and the construction of several costly bridges and the upkeep of the fourth and he felt that if this money was expended on the sixth it should be kept in a good state of repair. Especially he thought this would be the case when the county had completed the construction work as the eighth would then probably take much of the heavy traffic which now comes down the sixth. He said that the council had gone over the road and had let the contract for drainage work at the schoolhouse and for the resurfacing of certain bad stretches. This contract was let and the contractor was already on the ground and in addition to this the whole of the road would be patched this year.

Mr. Bruce suggested that since the county was now relieved of the Langstaff sideroad which is now a provincial road they should now take back the sixth. Mr. Gohn pointed out that although the Langstaff sideroad was now a provincial road the County was still liable for a certain portion of the expenditure.

A member of the deputation asked if the council thought that it was really possible to keep up the sixth.

Reeve—I certainly think we can. Deputy-Reeve Padget suggested that probably the County should maintain the sixth when it was taking the traffic diverted when the eighth was under construction.

A member of the deputation drew attention to the ditches and to certain places where culverts were needed to keep the water from running down the road. Another member said that there was a hole in front of his gate pretty near big enough to bury a horse.

Councillor Smith—There's no doubt the road is in bad shape and it will cost the township a pile of money to keep it up.

Question—Would it be possible for the township to get financial assistance to maintain the road.

Reeve Gohn—It would if we could prove that the township could not keep it up. It is admittedly one of the worst pieces of road in the whole system of the county this spring. The stretch at the schoolhouse is one of the most difficult places to drain in the whole county and the unusually hard winter and spring played havoc with it this year.

Deputy-Reeve Padget suggested that inasmuch as he understood the Minister of Highways had power to make a special grant to any road which was carrying an undue amount of traffic that representations to this effect he made to Hon. G. S. Henry. There is a possibility that if this is done the council will be supported by a deputation of the ratepayers.

The deputation retired after the assurance that the Council would do all possible to maintain the road. The deputation numbered thirty-two strong.

A second deputation numbering 12 of the residents of Helen Avenue south of Unionville, appeared in support of a petition which was accepted last year asking that a macadam bound roadway be constructed on this street as a local improvement. An enabling-by-law was passed and the work will be proceeded with this year. The entire cost of the work will be born by the property owners concerned who will pay for the work over a period of ten years. The work will be under the direction of Engineer Babcock.

A communication signed by E. M. Campbell, W. H. Espey and E. T. Healey, of the Elgin Mills Ratepayers Association was received asking for the assessed value of lots forty nine to fifty-five between Yonge Street

and the second concession, which information was desired in view of the movement to construct a new union school at or near Elgin Mills.

G. Hoover of Markham submitted a tender for supplying gravel in various parts of the Township at rates varying according to location from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per yard.

Sheep claims were paid as follows: J. H. Young, Eglinton, 1 sheep killed, \$30.; 1 sheep injured \$5.00, flock damaged 10, total \$45.00; Alvin Robinson, Gormley, 1 sheep killed \$20.; Thos. White, Unionville, 1 sheep killed \$20.

E. J. Parkinson was appointed to look after the township fire-fighting apparatus to keep it in shape and also to look after the ordering of chemical supplies and necessary repairs. It was pointed out that the outfit had done good work in recent months and that if it was worth keeping it was worth keeping in a good state of repair and well equipped for fires at all times.

All the members of the council have completed an inspection of the roads of the township and have mapped out the work for the year. The inspection took about five days.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid; H. J. Cunningham, Gormley \$181.15; Alex. Duncan, Unionville 93.75; D. Boyd, Stouffville, 24.20; General accounts, Levey & Westwood tar kettle 125.; A. F. White, insurance on fire equipment 54.00; J. A. Wear, ambulance 15.00; E. J. Parkinson, work on fire engine \$2.50; Liberal Printing Company, Richmond Hill, printing \$6.00; Langstaff Supply Co., Langstaff culvert pipe, \$11.50; G. A. M. Davison, stamps \$4.05; F. H. Echlin, coal charity \$12.00; Alex. Murray, tar for road 111.48; R. J. Allen, repairs to grader \$48.50; S. McNay, 80 hours labor 32.00, 25 hours labor \$7.50; A. Duncan, repairs to grader .75; H. Reid, gas and oil 25.90; Nelson Boynton, gas and oil 15.00; Fred Leader, six hours with team \$3.00; J. W. Perkins gas and oil \$8.95; A. J. Camplin, attending court of revision 10.00; P. E. Petch, constable salary for May 25.00; Ed. Britnell, work at lot 27, con. 1, 801.12; L. Middleton, wages for May 125.00.

Stewart McQuay and Harry Bowdway of Unionville made application for the reward of 100, offered by the township for anyone giving information leading to the apprehension and conviction of chicken thieves in the township but no action was taken as the party arrested by the constable has not yet been convicted and the authorities are still endeavouring to locate the other party implicated in the operations.

WEDDING

RAMER-REAMAN—At the home of the bride's parents, on Thursday, May 31st, Aurelia May, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reaman, Langstaff, was united in marriage to Mr. Warren Sennett Ramer, only son of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Ramer, of Richmond Hill. Rev. N. Wellwood, officiating.

GLOVER-THOMPSON—The wedding was solemnized at the United Church parsonage, Richmond Hill on Wednesday, May 16th at 3 o'clock, of Irene Christina, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, Richmond Hill, and Joseph Albert Glover of Markham Township. Rev. A. A. Wall officiated. The young couple after a short honeymoon will take up residence in Markham Township.

LINSTEAD-SANDERS—On May 16, Mr. George D. Linstead and Miss Dorothy Winnifred Sanders were united in Holy matrimony at the parsonage in Richmond Hill by Rev. A. A. Wall. Miss Irene Linstead, sister of groom acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Lloyd Wilson a friend of groom as best man. The young couple will take up residence in Richmond Hill.

MacGILLIVRAY-BRISBON—At the Richmond Hill Parsonage by Rev. A. A. Wall, Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, June 6th, Mr. John MacGillivray of Markham Township and Miss Sarah A. Brisbon, of Oshawa, Ontario. Miss Ida A. Whimself acted as bridesmaid and Mr. D. Kerswell as groomsmen. They will take up their residence at groom's former home on North Yonge Street.

TEAM WON FIRST PRIZE

George Vanderburgh, of Richmond Hill who won first prize with his fine young team of perchons at the local fair captured the first prize in a class of four at the Aurora fair on Saturday. The team was admired by many of the visitors to the show.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hoover are enjoying a two week's motor tour visiting many of the important American cities. They are accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Begg, of Lindsay.

Mrs. M. Farrants, of Richvale, leaves on Friday for a two months trip to western Canada. The Liberal extends wishes for a very pleasant and enjoyable journey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Morgan, of Hamilton and Mr. F. Waddell, of Youngstown, Ohio, spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. A. McNabb, Richmond Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moat, of Toronto, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham on Sunday.

Mrs. Allen Armstrong, Mrs. Carter and Miss Trent were in Toronto last week as delegates from the Y.W.A. of St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Minnis motored to London on Friday last to attend the Graduation ceremonies at Western University. Mr. T. Willard O'Mulvenny, brother of Mrs. Minnis received his degree in Medicine, Doctor O'Mulvenny enters Buffalo General Hospital on July 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie, of Willowdale, Ontario, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Florence, to Mr. Frank Brown, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Brown, of Lansing, Ont, the marriage to take place the latter part of June.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ash, Toronto, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Louise, to Mr. Herbert Denton McCague, Gormley, Ont. The marriage to take place June 20th 8 p.m. in St. Barnabas Church, Danforth Avenue.

Mrs. (Dr.) Wilson, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Phipps and Mrs. O. L. Wright, of Richmond Hill, attended the annual convention of the County W.C.T.U. held at Newmarket this week.

Mr. Stewart Campbell, of Thornhill is relieving this week as teller at the Standard Bank here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McLean, of Kettleby, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. McMillan.

The many friends of Mr. R. Petch will be glad to learn that he returned from the Wellesley Hospital on Sunday and is making very satisfactory progress towards recovery at his home here.

Mrs. J. A. Rose, of Maple, visited this week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. McMillan, Yonge Street.

HISTORICAL EXHIBITION

The 112th anniversary of St. John's Church, York Mills, will be featured by an Historical Exhibition on Saturday, June 9th from 3 to 7 p.m. The exhibition will be opened by Mrs. Banks. Hon. George S. Henry and others will speak. There will be a large collection of antiques and other historical articles.

VANDALISM AGAIN

Vandalism is again evidenced in the Community by the picking and destroying of some of the tulips in the flower beds at the High School. The tulips there have made a wonderful showing this spring and have greatly added to the appearance of the school grounds which has been a source of pride to teachers, pupils and citizens generally who commend the school Board for their action in trying to beautify the place. Apparently though there still exists a type of individual who has no thought of the time effort and expense expended in order that these beds might be a "thing of beauty" in our midst but thinks only of the spirit of destructiveness and selfishness and apparently willfully destroyed and plucked many of the blooms for their own personal benefit or enjoyment. The school board intends to take steps to see that the property is protected.

SCHOOL REPORTS

RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL ROOM 3, REPORT FOR MAY

Sr. III—Evelyn Wade, Audrey Grainger, Catherine Stanford, Ethel Young, Louise Armstrong, Tilford Hilt, Leslie Kendall, Elizabeth Walker, Margaret Buchanan, Matthew Healey, Eleanor Wallis, Marjorie Lowery, Ted Allen.

Jr. III—Lena Donald, Jack Crean, (Fred Urban, and Chas. Hanson, equal), Virginia Little, Patricia Smith, Metro Fortuk, Jas. Donald, Douglas Gilbert, Tommy Gillings, May Ross, Marjorie Brillinger, Dick Patrick, Douglas Palmer, Herbert Elliott, Tom Wallis, George Hawkes, Donald McKenzie, Gordon McKenzie, Murray Blanchard, Harry Corner.

It would be fine if we could confine all the loud speakers to the radio sets.

BOWLERS LOST AT AURORA

Four rinks of local bowlers journeyed to Aurora last week and enjoyed some excellent games but finished two points down on the play. The local rinks were; W. Riddell, W.W.A. Trench, James McLean, G. Moodie skip; A.A. Eden, M. Beynon, W. Wellman, F.J. Mansbridge skip; A. E. Wall, Rev. A.A. Wall, G. Willis, E. T. Stephens skip; A. G. Savage, P. C. Hill, J. H. Naughton, A. E. Glass skip.

PEONIES DOING WELL

The three peonies presented to Richmond Hill last year by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and planted in the flower bed at the memorial are all alive, sprouting well and apparently in a very healthy and satisfactory condition.

ORANGE MEETING

A special meeting of the local Orange Lodge will be held in the lodge room on Monday, June 11. Refreshments will be served.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING

Monday, June 4 was a very special afternoon for the Richmond Hill branch of the Women's Institute when the members welcomed as visitors members of the Thornhill, Oak Ridge Institutes and members of the Junior Institute of Victoria Square. Mrs. Phipps, the president occupied the chair and occupying seats on the platform with her were the three presidents of the visiting organizations. Miss Edna Wiltshire of Thornhill rendered a delightful soprano solo "There were ninety and nine" and Miss Meeks, of Victoria Square gave a reading "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." Both numbers were exceptionally well rendered and much appreciated. The speaker of the afternoon was Miss E. M. Collins, of Ancaster, who gave an interesting and instructive talk on "Women's National Outlook," emphasizing most the avenues of Home and School. At the close of the address Miss Muriel Burnaby gave a very pleasing soprano solo. A dainty luncheon was served by the Richmond Hill ladies who were delighted with the success of the meeting and the large attendance. This was the last meeting of the Institute until September. The Story Hour held in the Public Library will also be discontinued until September.

OTHER THINGS, LIKE CHARITY, SHOULD BEGIN AT HOME

At the regular session of the Richmond Hill Council a grant of twenty five dollars was voted to the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, which is same amount as was granted last year. At best this is rather dubious support to a local undertaking of the importance of the Richmond Hill Fair but is the more dubious in the light of representations which were made to other municipalities and which were taken in good faith and acted upon. A deputation waited on the Markham Township Council from the Agricultural Society—and one of the members of the deputation was a member of the Richmond Hill council—and asked that in view of existing conditions the annual grant be increased. The position of the society was carefully explained and it was shown that more funds for the organization were a necessity if the Fair was to continue to function. It was clearly intimated that a larger grant would be given by Richmond Hill. Markham in the previous year had given \$15.00 but in view of the representations that were so ably made increased the grant to \$35.00. Similar representations were made to Vaughan in an appeal for funds and accordingly the grant from this township was increased from twenty-five dollars to thirty-five dollars. Now, at the last meeting of the Richmond Hill council the sum of twenty-five dollars, the usual grant is made. We hope that there is some explanation of these apparent unusual proceedings and that it is the intention to bring in a supplementary grant for the local fair. It hardly seems right that when Markham and Vaughan respond so generously to an appeal from the Agricultural Society of Richmond Hill and that the Richmond Hill council should "fall down." The strangest of all things however is that when the motion to give the USUAL grant was moved and seconded there was a sphinx like silence on the part of two members of the council who are prominent directors of the Agricultural Society and one of whom appeared before another municipality asking for an increased grant. Oh consistency, thou art, indeed, a jewel.

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