

AURORA: Twenty-three new homes in Aurora are either under construction or definitely planned, according to building permits issued during the past three months. Total value of the properties is \$229,000.

NEWMARKET: Miss Geraldine Boomhower has been appointed assistant town clerk. Miss Boomhower replaces Doris (Proctor) McLaren who resigned recently.

EAST GWILLIMBURY: Building inspector, Kenneth Ross, Mount Albert, inspector for East Gwillimbury, recommended amendments to the township building by-law to allow applicants to live in garages on their property until their residences have been completed.

WHITCHURCH TWP.: One of the largest groups of school debenture issues ever approved by the township has been passed by Whitchurch council. Debentures total \$107,000 for two new public schools and one public school addition.

AURORA: Contrary to the experience of most sportsmen Jack Pennock, Aurora barber, found fishing to be a paying proposition on a recent trip to Haliburton. Trolling on Hog Lake, 18 miles north-east of Minden, he thought he had a good-sized one on his line, but was surprised at the absence of any fight. Bringing his catch up he discovered it to be a wallet containing \$33.35. "Finder's keepers" turned out to be the case as the wallet contained no identification of any kind.

STOUFFVILLE: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week.

BOLTON: Rev. A. L. Farris of the Presbyterian Church was speaker on the Church of the Air broadcast last Sunday over CBL at 4:30 p.m.

NEWMARKET: At its last meeting council turned down an offer of \$13,000 for the old town clerk's office at the corner of Main Street and Botsford Street. The offer was made by a person who planned to open a fruit store there. Council turned it down on the grounds that the offer was not large enough and that the type of business could cause congestion at the corner.

NORTH YORK TWP.: Building permits for the month of June amounted to \$3,020,940, compared to \$5,828,545 for the same period last year.

AURORA: The Lions Club here has spent \$3,862.97 during the past year for sport, health and welfare, community improvement work, on behalf of local girls and boys. The amount is roughly equivalent to a dollar a head for every resident in Aurora.

WHITCHURCH TWP.: On the recommendation of Whitchurch Township planning board, the municipal council has approved the purchase of a 13-acre parcel of land, lot 16 and 1, rear of the 3rd concession, to be used for public purposes.

SUTTON: The 1951 award of the Keswick Optimist Club to the outstanding junior boy citizen of North Gwillimbury was made last week to Don McAlpine, who graduated from Grade 8 at Jersey School this past term.

NEWMARKET: Mr. and Mrs. John Winter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Winter has worked for the Office Specialty Mfg. Co. for 40 years.

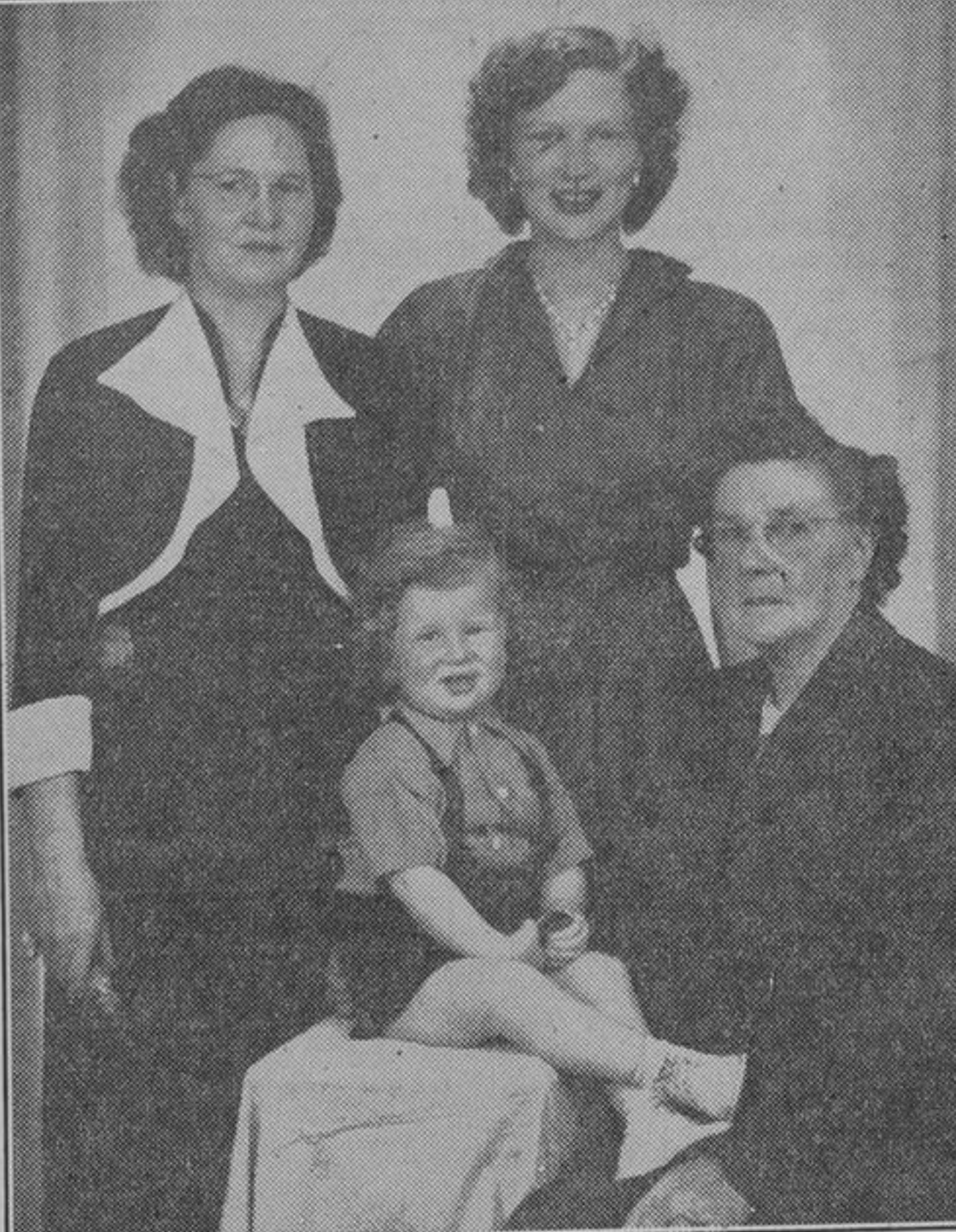
NORTH YORK TWP.: Six summer playgrounds opened at the beginning of the month to North York Township children. Approximately 1200 school children between the ages of 5 and 14 years will be enjoying the supervised recreation provided at these playgrounds.

NEWMARKET: The main project for the year for the Newmarket Business and Professional Women's Club will be the furnishing of a private room at York County hospital. To date the club has purchased a bed and bedside table for this room and a bed lamp has been ordered.

STOUFFVILLE: The Municipal Council was in receipt of a communication recently from the Ontario Highways Department stating that no further permits for street dances would be granted for 1951 without the permission of the local council.

STOUFFVILLE: Mr. Ken Laushway has been re-engaged as manager of the Stouffville arena for next season. This is Mr. Laushway's third year in the position.

STOUFFVILLE: Council has predicted a rise in water rates for the village.



Four generations of the Heeley family are shown above: Mrs. G. Hann of Lansing, grandmother, Mrs. Ray Sutton, Lansing, granddaughter, Mrs. J. Heeley of Elgin Mills, great-grandmother, and great grandson Jimmy Sutton of Lansing.

Richmond Hill To Have Dial Phones Next Spring

Richmond Hill will have dial telephone service early in the spring of next year, if construction work and installation of equipment progress according to schedule, C. E. Blossdale, Bell Telephone manager of this region, said this week.

A major engineering project, conversion of Richmond Hill's exchange from magneto to dial operation will require a many-sided construction program which must be fitted and synchronized to meet the cutover date, so that all local telephones may be switched over to dial operation within a matter of seconds, with virtually no interruption of service.

All projects associated with the conversion are making good progress, Mr. Blossdale said. The new building on Richmond Street has been completed. Dial switching equipment, specially designed to meet the needs of Richmond Hill, is now being manufactured, and the complicated task of installing it in the new exchange building will begin late this fall. The work of re-arranging and expanding the wire and cable network in preparation for dial is also proceeding satisfactorily.

Prior to the cutover, dial telephones will be installed in subscribers' premises. The magneto telephones, which will be used until the time of the conversion, will be removed shortly after the change.

All telephone numbers will be changed co-incidental with the cutover because dial equipment operates on a numbering plan different from the present system. The exchange name "Turner 4" will come into use, and all dial numbers will consist of "TU 4" and four digits.

Mr. Blossdale advised subscribers who are planning to purchase stationery or other printed material bearing telephone numbers to order only enough to fill requirements until early next spring when the new numbers will be in use. A supplementary directory containing all the new numbers will be issued just prior to the cutover.

Local calling privileges with Thornhill, King and Maple will remain in effect after the conversion. Following the conversion, all long distance, information and other special calls will be handled by operators in Toronto, thus eliminating the need for a local operating staff.

"Our company will do all that is reasonably possible to assist members of the Richmond Hill operating force to re-establish themselves," Mr. Blossdale said. "Transfers to other communities will be

Coming Events

JULY 20 — Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Avery (nee Jean Mitchell) will be guests at a presentation dance at Vellere. Sally Lloyd's orchestra. Welcome to all. *1w3

Will Install Lights In Two Classrooms

It was decided at Thursday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Public School Board to install fluorescent lights in the two classrooms at the Municipal Hall, at a cost of \$350. The project is, of course, subject to the approval of council.

The lights will be the same as used presently in the main school building and will be transferred to the new school when it is completed.

Board members also decided to have the grounds directly behind the school graded.

Markham Building Inspector Is Asked For A Full Report

In response to a request by the ratepayers association of the west side of the Township of Markham Township council has asked building inspector Ross Norton for a full report on the occupancy of sub-standard dwellings. Ratepayers complained that building by-laws are not being enforced.

It was pointed out that the land-use by-law governing the type of buildings was passed by council and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in July 1950. It is possible some of the dwellings complained of were built and occupied before that date and therefore they did not come under the regulations of the by-law. However a full report will be submitted by the Building Inspector.

Council Wants Hydro Debt Wiped Off Slate

At Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill council treasurer Russell Lynett asked authorization to write off uncollectible hydro arrears amounting to \$51.00. The amount covered a period of three years and represented small accounts by some dozen persons who have left the municipality and cannot be located.

It is council policy to have tenants make a deposit of \$5.00 before receiving electric service, but in some cases this had not been done and in others the bill owed was in excess of the amount of the deposit.

While the amount wasn't too serious Councillor Floyd Perkins declared steps should be taken to prevent such loss and moved that the Hydro be instructed to cut off service when premises are vacated, and that service be not continued until all arrears are paid. His motion received unanimous support of his colleagues and this will be hydro policy in the future.

Thursday's Chuckle

The young bride was entertaining a visitor at tea. "I cooked my first dinner last night," she confided, "and it was a great success." "Really! I'm so glad," murmured the visitor. "Yes, my husband is going to get me a cook right away."

New Local Pre-Fab Industry Is Now In Full Production

Employing a staff of 120 of which over 50 per cent is local labour the new Murray Associates Ltd. plant just south of Richmond Hill is now in full production, turning out daily approximately 12,000 square feet of pre-cast concrete flooring and roofing.

Since production commenced on June 1, over a quarter of a million square feet of roof and flooring has come off the line and has been installed in many important buildings including the Acme Screw and Gear Company, Imperial Oil Co., Bell Telephone and Western Assurance Co.'s new buildings in Toronto.

At present the company is busy making the roofing for the new A. V. Roe jet engine plant at Malton and it will also supply its product to be installed in the Administration Buildings of the several Government Ordnance Depots to be built across the country.

Accepted by the leading architects, the pre-cast flooring produced by the company is of great interest as it is 100 per cent Canadian, being invented, produced, and patented by Canadians. The big feature of this new type of floor is that after completion of a building any further heating or electrical piping that may have

Want It Hot And Dry

Better Than Average Crop In Prospect For The District

Bible School Opens For King Children

The daily vacation Bible Study School opened at King last Monday and will continue each morning for two weeks.

The pre-school children, with Mrs. Gordon Tetley as their leader, will hold their classes at the United Church. The next age group boys and girls of 6 to 8 years will meet in All Saints basement, with Mrs. M. R. Jenkinson to lead them.

All children over nine years will be in charge of Mr. David Wotherspoon with Miss Carol Musk and Bob McLeod to help him, their classes to be held daily in McDonald and Wells Hall. The games for the younger children will be under the charge of Mrs. Marguerite Gellately.

W. A. Curtis Initiates Son

A very impressive ceremony took place at the recent meeting of the Thornhill L.O.L. No. 91 when Albert Curtis was initiated into the Orange Degree. W.M. J. Webster handed over the gavel to W. Bros. W. A. Curtis, a former County Master, to have the honour of initiating his son. The degree was put on by members of the Thornhill lodge assisted by two county officers, W. Bro. T. McCabe and W. Bros. T. Kidd.

On Thursday, July 12, the members with their wives and families travelled to Georgetown by bus for the celebration of the Battle of the Boyne. In spite of the inclement weather the members enjoyed themselves and joined in the parade marching behind the Thornhill Banner.

Meeting Called For July 24th. Organize Thornlea Ratepayers

An organization meeting to form a Thornlea Ratepayers Association will be held in the Thornlea School next Tuesday evening, July 24. This open meeting to which all interested are invited follows one held recently at the home of George Jackson when local problems were discussed and representatives present from Bayview Avenue, Green Lane, John St., Johnston Ave., and Langstaff east of Bayview.

K. Richan of the area school board acted as chairman of the meeting held at the home of Mr. Jackson when it was explained that the purpose of the proposed Ratepayers Association was to promote the common interests of the people of the district.

There was some discussion of the defining of the area to be served by the association so as not to interfere with neighbouring organizations.

It was decided to postpone the organization of the association for two weeks and in the meantime Mr. Jackson was appointed to see Township Clerk Hoover and secure some data and information.

There was some discussion of the 1948 by-law defining industrial

areas which concerns part of Thornlea. There has been some development here with the Asphalt plant now in full operation by the J. K. Beamish Construction Co. The general feeling was expressed that industrial development would be welcomed, but that there should be precautions against any possible smoke nuisance.

A tentative committee of officers named included Mr. Boyter, Johnson Ave., Dr. Tanner, Doncrest Drive, Mr. Taylor, Green Lane and Mr. Covell, Doncrest Road.

In calling the open meeting for next Tuesday night it was decided to invite all ratepayers in the original Thornlea School section, and that the meeting be held in the school Tuesday evening, July 24, at 8 p.m.

The Provincials May Stop Policing Of The Village

The arrangement for Provincial Police to take care of constabulary duties in the Village of Richmond Hill will terminate December 31, 1951, according to a letter read at Monday night's council meeting from Provincial Commissioner Stringer.

Early this year the village was advised by the Provincial Police authorities that another constable should be engaged in addition to Constable Frank Moore who had been doing the job alone since January 1949. Council felt that the budget for the year's expenses having been adopted and the tax rate fixed it would be impossible to concur in the suggestion as there had been no provision for raising the additional money needed for the extra salary.

Commissioner Stringer this week wrote council advising that since council did not see fit to adopt the ruling of the Commission that two constables should be employed the commission would terminate the agreement for policing the village on December 31st.

The Commissioner's letter touched off a general discussion on police matters which ended in a resolution instructing the clerk to acknowledge the letter and advise that the council was considering the matter and would confer with the Commissioner later in the year.

"I was opposed to the provincial police in the first place, but when the majority of council favored the idea I agreed to the arrangement and I think under constable Moore things relating to law and order were satisfactory," said councillor Middleton. "Now" he said "we are told to hire another. It's turned out just as I expected."

Councillor Tomlin said that while

the council couldn't engage another constable this year after the budget was adopted he thought that arrangements should be made for such an agreement for next year. He pointed out that Provincial Police regulations required a second man be appointed to serve the village, and council should provide for such an arrangement. He said the people of Richmond Hill want an efficient police service and he thought it was the duty of council to provide it. He felt very strongly this could best be provided through the provincial police.

Reeve Neal pointed out that many municipalities are receiving satisfactory service from their own police officers. He felt that municipalities sacrificed their autonomy when placing such matters in hands other than the elected representatives. Under the provincials we have no say. "Constable Moore was transferred and we didn't know anything about it," said the Reeve.

The clerk advised that the cost of the service with one constable was \$2490. per year plus an allowance for mileage which brought the cost up to about \$3000.

Deputy-Reeve Taylor was in favour of further negotiations with the provincial police authorities. "I think if we discuss the matter with them we can come to a satisfactory agreement" he said.

Councillor Floyd Perkins said he thought it important to have protection throughout the whole night. Our present constable is on duty from 4 p.m. to 12 p.m. but it's after midnight when most robberies are committed," he said.

"You soon can't live here for taxes," observed councillor Middleton, "this would mean another two mills."

Council also voted \$500. deposit on a park site across from the Township offices at Vandorf. A petition was received from Ferguson Avenue and Joices Point residents asking council to fix their roads.

Clerk John Crawford stated that engineers have been instructed to proceed with the road improvements. A letter was also received from the Ontario Municipal Board acknowledging the receipt of debentures for the three schools at Wilcox Lake, Hartmans Corners and Ballantrae, and gave tentative approval of the same.

Haying And Harvest Clash Due To Uncertain Weather

Prospects are for a better than average crop throughout York County this year, but farmers report that because of the wet weather this season it is expected that harvesting of both fall wheat and hay crops will be in progress at the same time. This is tending to intensify the already acute farm labor shortage.

Some fall wheat has been cut and harvesting is expected to be general next week. The condition for fall wheat for the province as a whole is reported as about 93 per cent of the long term average, and this is close to the condition prevailing in this County according to the Agricultural Representative's office. A drive through North York shows many fields with excellent prospects for a good yield, but some fields are spotty and have a rather thin stand due either to winter killing or the extreme wet weather of the early spring.

The average yield per acre is expected to be above normal, but definitely lower than the high yields obtained in 1950. Moderate infestations of the Hessian fly have been reported from various places in the county and will reduce both the yield and the quality.

The total acreage of fall wheat to be harvested in Ontario this year may approximate 850,000 acres, which is down from the 928,000 acres harvested in 1950.

The Agricultural office at Newmarket reports that corn is making very slow progress due to excessive moisture and cool weather. Hot and dry weather is needed to produce an abundant crop.

Haying is pretty well completed, but there still is some to be cut and considerable quantities are still in the field. The crop generally while quite abundant will be of poor quality due to poor weather for haying. Throughout the province there has been considerable spoilage and much of the hay is discolored and of rather poor quality. A period of relatively dry weather is required immediately to enable farmers to successfully harvest their crops.

A normal, or slightly above normal, acreage of new seedlings of hay and clovers was put in this season and excellent catches are in prospect because of the abundant supply of moisture which has been available.

Pastures during the past month have been exceptionally good throughout the entire province. The average condition at July 1 was 111 per cent of the long-term

normal for that date. With the continuation of heavy rains it is apparent that lush pastures will be available during the whole of July.

Live stock are making good gains and milk flow per cow is above normal. There has been a marked decrease in the number of milk cows kept on farms during the past year, however, and total milk production may be slightly below average. Little supplementary feed is necessary.

Extremely bright prospects prevail for spring grain yields. These crops were seeded later than usual this spring but developed very rapidly on account of the excellent moisture supplies. Practically all counties in Ontario report these crops to be in better than average condition, with a number of counties anticipating the best yield in years. Most fields show a heavy stand on the ground and the grain has stood well. In a number of counties prospects for spring grains were never better. Barrying extensive storm damage, of lodging, and provided satisfactory harvesting and threshing weather prevails, it is anticipated there will be a very heavy production of spring grains.

Local Orange Lodges First At Georgetown

About sixty members of the local L.O.L. and L.O.B.A. and families participated in the Orange Walk at Georgetown on July 12 and carried off top honors.

Empire L.O.B.A. No. 894, Richmond Hill, received the silver cup for best appearing women's lodge in the parade. Victoria L.O.L. No. 2368 was awarded a similar trophy for best appearing men's lodge in the parade which was headed by the Georgetown Pipes Pipe Band.

Mrs. John Sheardown, Centre Street East, Richmond Hill, who covered the entire route with L.O.B.A. No. 894, was awarded a special prize for the oldest woman in the walk.

United Empire L.O.L. from Aurora received a cup for the lodge coming the longest distance.

Several Delegations Attend Whitchurch Township Council

Whitchurch Township council revealed at its meeting on Saturday afternoon that word had been received from the York County clerk to the effect that the final figure for the revised equalized assessments for 1952 will be \$2,970,346, an increase of \$221,000 over 1951.

General accounts for the past month amounted to \$910.73. Of this \$366.92 was paid out for hospitalization, with \$396. going for relief purposes. The road accounts were passed for \$15,226, this amount includes the bulldozing done by the K. J. Beamish Construction Company and 45 gallons of weed spray applied. Five thousand dollars was for the gravelling of roads.

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Several deputations were received by council. Mr. Jay of Musselman's Lake requested that there be placed in that vicinity some "no parking" signs, and objected to the removal of a large tree, a landmark in the district for many years. The road committee was asked to investigate and save the tree if possible.

A delegation of property owners from Musselman's Lake, led by F. White, chairman of the cottagers' association was received by councillors, and objected to the high taxes, which were "mostly for schools," they said.

It was decided to pay forty dollars to George H. Stroxtun to cover the cost of several of his sheep killed by dogs. The road superintendent was instructed by council to call for tenders to resurface the Musselman's Lake road for a distance of two miles.

POSTS PROTECT FENCE

Patrons of the Richmond Theatre who make use of the free parking lot at the rear of the theatre will have noticed short posts lined a few feet away from the fence.

These were put there as a protection against cars backing into the fence and breaking it, thus saving the management any unnecessary expense.