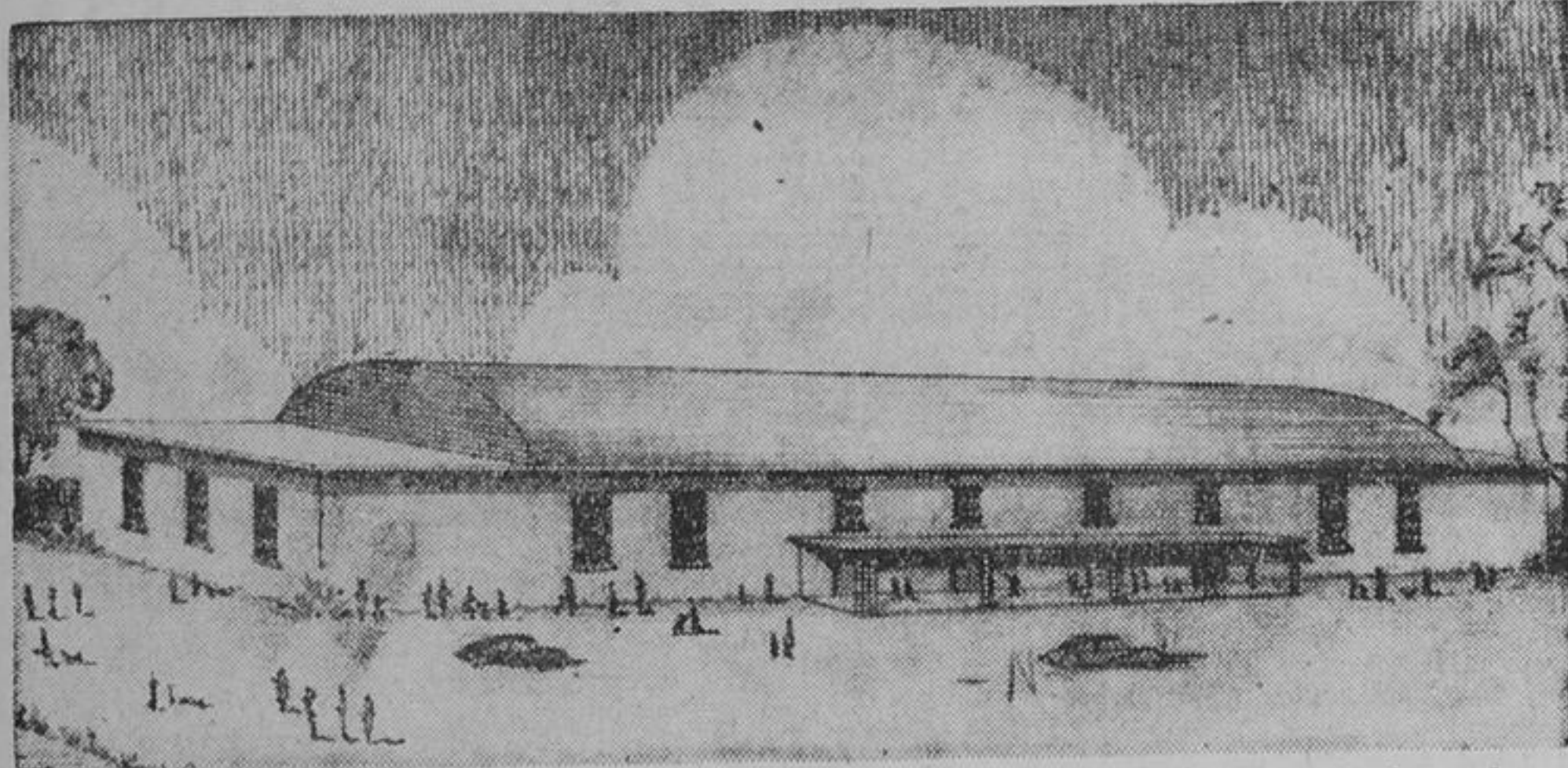


New Farmers Market



Shown above are the architect's plans for the new combined Farmers' Market and Community Centre shortly to be constructed on the 10-acre Clarkson property at the corner of Elgin and Yonge streets in Thornhill. This new building costing a reported \$80,000 is 200 feet by 90 feet in size. Completion of the project is anticipated within the next three months. Tentative plans call for the building to serve as a Market on Saturdays and as a centre of Community activity the rest of the week. Of the approximately 100 producers who patronized the old North York Market 83 have already signed a petition

expressing their willingness to buy shares in this new Thornhill project. Of this figure 71 farmers have actually purchased shares in the organization, which is to be officially known by the title of the York County Producers Marketing Association. Mr. J. T. Wain, Newtonbrook Florist heads an eight-member Board of Directors for the Association.

With the closing of the former North York Market located at the City limits 60 of the producers last Saturday opened temporary quarters at Willowdale. This temporary Market will continue to be used until the new Thornhill project is completed.

Roads, Main Topic

R. Hill & Markham Tp. Discuss Annexation Details At Joint Meet

At a joint meeting of Richmond Hill Council and Markham Township Council held last week the representatives of these two municipalities straightened out final details connected with Richmond Hill's annexation of 1000 acres of Markham township. Annexation became an accomplished fact on January 1st. Total assessment in the annexed area is valued at \$437,800, while the total population is 800.

The meeting which was held at Unionville saw Richmond Hill represented by Deputy-Reeve Ken Tomlin, Councillors Wes. Middleton and Jack Rice and Clerk Russell, Lynett, while Markham Township's full council was in attendance.

In his opening remarks Reeve W. Timbers stated the purpose of the joint meeting was to "talk over certain matters related to annexation such as the roads and the debentures." Deputy-Reeve A. James — "The roads are the biggest item, let our legal representatives handle the question of debentures."

Councillor W. Middleton, Chairman of Richmond Hill's Road Committee acted as the village's main spokesman. Referring to the subject of roads Councillor Middleton said, "I understand where two municipalities are served by the same road (town line) the municipalities each pay 50% towards its maintenance." "Both Bayview and the Elgin Mills side road would fall under this category," added the speaker. Mr. Middleton then went on to suggest that, "Markham township maintain Markham side road, the whole of which is in the village, at our expense."

Mr. Middleton — "How much do you people charge per hour for the use of your equipment?" Reeve Timbers — "There are different rates depending on the size of the grader used."

Continuing the discussion Mr. Middleton asked, "Are all the roads throughout the annexed area 66 foot roads?" Reeve Timbers — "Yes, according to our registered plans." Mr. Middleton — "Do all the roads west of the railway tracks drain to the creek?" Reeve Timbers — "Yes." Mr. Middleton — "Has Markham Council made any commitments concerning that part of Crosby Avenue located east of the railway tracks?" Reeve Timbers — "No." Mr. Middleton — "Does Markham township own any land in the annexed areas?" Reeve Timbers — "No, it's all privately owned."

Mr. Middleton — "What roads are paid for?" Clerk C. Hooper — "I shall pass that information on to your Clerk."

Deputy-Reeve Tomlin — "Well, when it's agreeable that Markham handle the Elgin Mills side road, and Bayview on a 50% basis and the Markham side road at our expense." Councillor Rice — "A definite rate should be set tonight re cost of snow plowing." Deputy-Reeve James — "You'll be charged the current rate." On the strength of a resolution moved and seconded by Councillors Hooper and Lennie, Markham agreed to handle the aforementioned roads at the standard rental rates.

Water Services
On the subject of water services Councillor A. Lennie, chairman of the township Waterworks Committee reported, "I understand the

village is not agreeable to billing the residents of Harding Park", Clerk Lynett — "We'll do the collecting if you people do the billing." Such an arrangement proved acceptable to both municipalities.

Markham township's existing Building, Plumbing and land use by-laws remain in force throughout the annexed area until June 30 of this year.

A joint meeting to discuss the debenture question between Clerks Lynett and Hoover and Solicitor J. D. Lucas will be arranged at a later date.

Thornhill Village
The Trustees of Thornhill Police Village have written Highway engineer J. V. Ludgate regarding the proposed purchase of a small tractor for use in cutting weeds and also for light snow removal from the village's sidewalks. If granted Departmental approval the unit will be charged to the Police Village.

Henderson Ave.
Reporting on the width of Henderson Ave. between Clarke and Morgan Aves. in the Doncaster district Road Committee Chairman Mr. James stated, "I checked with the Road Superintendent and he informed me that the road is the required 24 feet in width." "When the road is consolidated posts will be put along the sides," he added.

Mrs. Ross's Culvert
Mrs. J. F. Ross who resides on the Johnston Ave. right-of-way situated in the Thornhill district, appeared before Council regarding the installation of a culvert at the entrance to her property. This is the same right of way that was the subject of several bitter Council meetings last July. Mrs. Ross reported that the acting Road Superintendent had ordered her to remove a 10-inch cement culvert from the entrance to her property.

The reasons given for such action was that it was the wrong size culvert and secondly it extended over onto the township's one foot reserve. Deputy-Reeve James — "It would be suitable providing you install the right size culvert." Councillor Hooper — "Oh, no you can't extend over the one foot reserve." Reeve Timbers — "Everything likely would have been all right if you had asked council's permission first." Councillor A. LeMasurier — "I would like to know who authorized the Acting Road Superintendent to take this arbitrary action." Mr. LeMasurier received no answer to his question.

Continuing Mr. LeMasurier said, "Last summer we did this same thing in order to accommodate certain other parties in this district so why not play fair and accommodate Mrs. Ross now." Reeve Timbers — "That's right." Councillor LeMasurier — "Furthermore if the culvert will satisfactorily take away all the water why have it removed." (The standard size for entrance culverts is 15 inches).

The whole Council with the exception of Councillor Hooper agreed that Mrs. Ross should be allowed to install a culvert provided it is the proper size.

Rd. Supt.
Deputy-Reeve James reported Road Superintendent Art Buchanan is progressing favourably and has returned home after his sojourn in the hospital.

BUTTONVILLE

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Ratepayers Meeting

The annual Ratepayers Meeting was held in Buttonville School on December 31, at 10 a.m. Board members were forced to go out and bring in a quorum.

Walter Craig as secretary is in office for one more year, S. R. Paterson, board member has 2 years, and Bill Hood, 3 years before terms are completed.

The secretary of the school board, Walter Craig, received word on Friday last week that H. B. Galpin, school inspector for this area has retired from office. His duties will be taken over by Maynard Hallman, B.A., B. Paed., commencing January 1.

On Friday of last week Mary Hooper entertained the senior girls of Buttonville school at her home.

On Friday of last week Frazer Craig was host to dinner guests Charles and Howard Allan and Ross Baker.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lauder Hamilton, Colgan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Walton spent New Year's day in Port Credit with their daughter and her family.

On Tuesday of last week Mrs. Hamilton entertained at a trousseau tea in honor of her daughter, Betty (Mrs. Wm. Kebich), whose marriage took place in Brown's Corners United Church on December 20.

Members of the Brown family held their Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ash. There were 29 members present.

Following dinner at the Ash home, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hood and family motored to Toronto for late dinner with Miss Edith Hood at her home on Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hood and daughters spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and family.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Black were Miss Frances Black of London, Miss Francis Deans, Ferguson, and Dr. and Mrs. Ogrzylo and daughters, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. John Black and sons Billy and Bobby spent Christmas with Mrs. Black's family in Ferguson.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig were Mr. and Mrs. Lauder Hamilton, of Colgan, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Frazer of Cookstown and Mrs. Frazer, Lena and Donald of Toronto.

The Stonehouse family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leaf, Markham, on Christmas day. There were 29 present.

Community affairs have had to give way to holiday festivities of late, but with the first week in January events begin again.

On January 7 in the afternoon, the regular meeting of W.M.S. will be held in Brown's Corners Church. Hostesses are Mrs. F. Baker, Mrs. Oakes and Mrs. Wilkins.

Wednesday evening, January 7, the W.I. holds the first euchre of the season at Buttonville hall.

On January 13, the W.I. is catering at a luncheon for members of the Avshire Breeders in Buttonville Hall.

On January 14 the Sunday School annual meeting will be held.

On January 15 Mrs. Geo. Kelly is entertaining members of the W.I. when they hold the regular monthly meeting.

Howit School Has First Xmas Concert

The Charles Howitt School held its first Christmas concert before a packed house on December 18. Carolling children dressed in white filed onto the candle-lit stage and opened the programme with traditional songs we all love at this season of the year.

The chairman, Jackson Taylor, voiced the appreciation of the Board for the splendid turnout of parents and introduced the music supervisor who led the audience in carol singing.

To the tune of "I love you truly" the characters for the Mock Wedding took their places.

This was followed by little children of all the world bringing their respective gifts to place upon the Christmas Tree.

An amusing monologue on Christmas shopping was followed by a pretty Rose Drill.

At this point a presentation was made to N. D. Hicks, retiring trustee by the chairman.

The stage was then taken over by a realistic band of Red Indians in full regalia who interspersed the recital of their manners and customs which they sang, with Indian war whoops. Then the scene changed.

The back-drop of Canadian northwoods was replaced by one of peaceful hills, before which angels performed under starlight, with graceful gestures accompanying the words and music of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" sung softly by choirs in the background.

The Shining Star club met next to discuss plans and were put to shame by the absent member who came in late from carrying out her own good intentions.

A tableau of the Nativity was then presented and as the narrator read the Christmas message from the Gospel according to St. Luke, the shepherds who came to worship made their appearance, and the Wise Men came to offer their gifts as the choir of sweet voices in the background sang hymns mostly sung at Christmas tide.

Great credit should go to all who worked tirelessly and to such good effect on the training, costumes and stage settings for this concert.

The St. Mary's River irrigation project, now nearing completion in Alberta, embraces 220 miles of main canals and 2,200 miles of smaller canals via which 400,000 acres will be irrigated.

Appointed Justice of Peace
Jack Crawford, clerk of the township of Whitechurch has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for York County, recently.

Mr. Crawford has served as township clerk since 1934 when he was appointed to succeed his father who had served as clerk for six years. As one who has become an authority on municipal affairs through his long association in the field, Mr. Crawford is to be congratulated on his appointment.

King City Trustees

The Commissioners for King City for 1953 will be Donald M. Findlay, Robert McLeod, William A. Carson and W. F. Hood, secretary. On November 21, Donald M. Findlay and Robert McLeod accepted the nomination. At a second meeting on December 18, William A. Carson allowed his name to stand.

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Markham Tp. Council Inaugural Meeting

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and also whose one year term has expired was discussed. Councillor Clark, harking back to his election platform stated, "I have always felt a 5-man Board is just as efficient as a 7 man Board, and I also don't feel it's advisable to appoint officials who are not residents of the municipality." Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier — "I am quite in accord with having it reduced to a five-man Board, such a move would also render a saving to the taxpayers." Reeve Timbers — "From the very outset I have advocated the establishment of a five-man Board. However a majority of council overruled me." Councillor Hooper — "With Messrs. James and Shorten no longer on the Board we can easily have it revert to a five-man Board." Final decision on the matter was delayed until the next meeting.

Other Appointments
Mr. William Spears, Unionville, was reappointed School Attendance officer for 1953 at an annual remuneration of \$100. The three township sheep valuers, Stan Toyington, Victoria Square, Gordon Lunau, Markham, and Hugh Boyd, Stouffville, were also reappointed for another year.

Sanitation By-Law
The pressing problem of adequate sanitation in Highland Park was up for discussion. In opening the debate Councillor Lennie referred to the Board of Health's recommendations, and his earlier resolution requesting that dwellings be used as one family units.

Reeve Timbers felt such a by-law would be a step in the right direction, if applied in the built-up areas. Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier — "I objected to the original resolution because it would have been applicable to the whole township." Councillor Hooper disagreed with any such proposed by-law stating, "If a septic tank is properly installed you won't have any sewage problems. Furthermore you can't stop people from renting rooms in their own homes," he added. Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier — "This problem should be attacked from a sanitary angle. Why attempt to arbitrarily tell people whose septic tank is working properly they must evict their roomers." Councillor Lennie — "It is our duty to implement the recommendations of our Health Unit." Councillor Clark — "We pay out a lot of money each year in order to belong to this unit, so why ignore its recommendations." The following resolution then moved and seconded by Councillors Lennie and Clark, "that the Planning Board

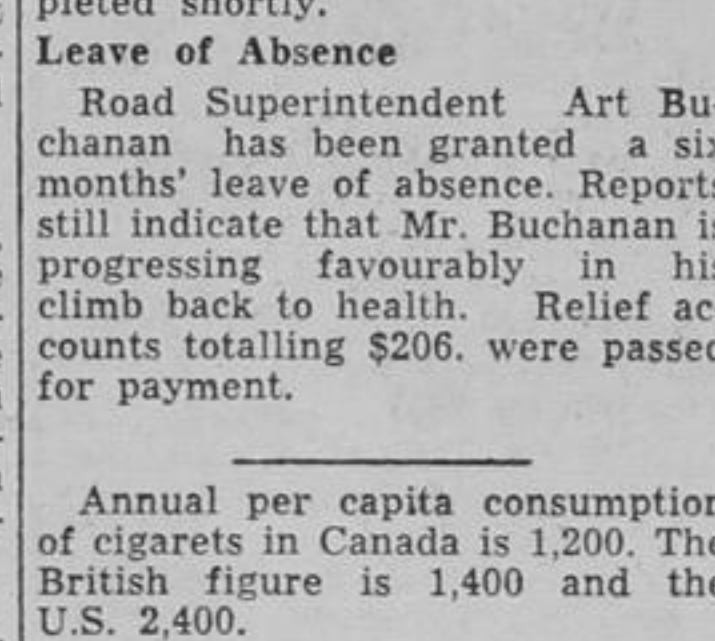
be requested to describe areas in the township to be limited to one housing units." This resolution carried with Reeve Timbers and Councillors Clark and Lennie in favour, while Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier and Councillor Hooper were opposed.

New Stores
A letter from Dr. R. King, York County Health Unit was tabled in which he stated there is not sufficient land for the installation of a proper tile bed for a block of six new stores being constructed on Yonge street between Woodward and Highland Park Aves. Plumbing Inspector T. L. Galbraith expressed hope the final details concerning the purchase of additional land by the builders will be completed shortly.

Leave of Absence
Road Superintendent Art Buchanan has been granted a six months' leave of absence. Reports still indicate that Mr. Buchanan is progressing favourably in his climb back to health. Relief accounts totalling \$206. were passed for payment.

Annual per capita consumption of cigars in Canada is 1,200. The British figure is 1,400 and the U.S. 2,400.

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