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Trustee W. Dean Reports

Markham Calls Meeting
4 Councils & School Bd.
Consider New High Sch.

Tentative plans have been made for the calling of a joint meeting of the four councils which constitute the Richmond Hill High School district and the High School Board for the purpose of discussing in detail the Board's proposed erection of a new secondary school to serve the Thornhill area.

Dept. Approves New School

The High School Board has already secured departmental approval for the construction of an 810 pupil purely academic school at an estimated cost of \$720,000. The new school would contain 24 classrooms, 3 labs, and a double gym. The \$180,000 double gymnasium would not be eligible for a provincial grant.

As the 13½ acre school site is located in Markham Township, the Board has requested Markham to float the necessary debenture issue.

Markham Township's decision to call a joint meeting of the four councils and the Board was the outcome of Monday's regular council meeting at which members reviewed various aspects of the construction of this school.

Dean Advocates Public Meeting

Formal discussion was held by High School trustee W. Dean who, at the request of council, tabled a comprehensive report on the Board's plans for the new school. Mr. Dean, one of Markham Township's two representatives on the High School Board, strongly advocated the holding of a public meeting at which the ratepayers concerned would have ample opportunity to express their opinions as to the type of school they preferred.

Mr. Dean was critical of the school board's action in deciding to erect a purely academic school without first attempting to ascertain the people's wishes on the subject. The speaker stated that according to present indications a majority of the residents favoured the erection of an academic school with practical options.

Dean Tables Report

In a prepared statement to council, Mr. Dean stated: "As requested by you, and as your representative on the Richmond Hill District High School Board, I am making the following report to the Board of the necessary legal steps through the Solicitor to guarantee that the property will be available for purchase once the debentures are issued."

Now, gentlemen, as to the type of school. The Department has stated that the Board can build two different types of schools, both of which would be eligible for grant purposes. By a majority decision, I cast the only dissenting vote. (Continued on page 3)

A quick glance at the attendance figures, both present and anticipated, for the high school in Richmond Hill will confirm the fact that added classroom space is of prime importance. The Board must prepare this coming fall term to accommodate an additional 200 pupils, plus any additional immigration in the area, in the present high school and in order to do so has requested the Principal to introduce a staggered system of classes requiring an additional 5 teachers. The Board does not feel that it is over-estimating to say that it will be called upon within five years to accommodate from 800 to 1,000 more pupils, bearing in mind the fact that the figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that for the short period alone from June to December 1952, 194,000 persons immigrated to Canada.

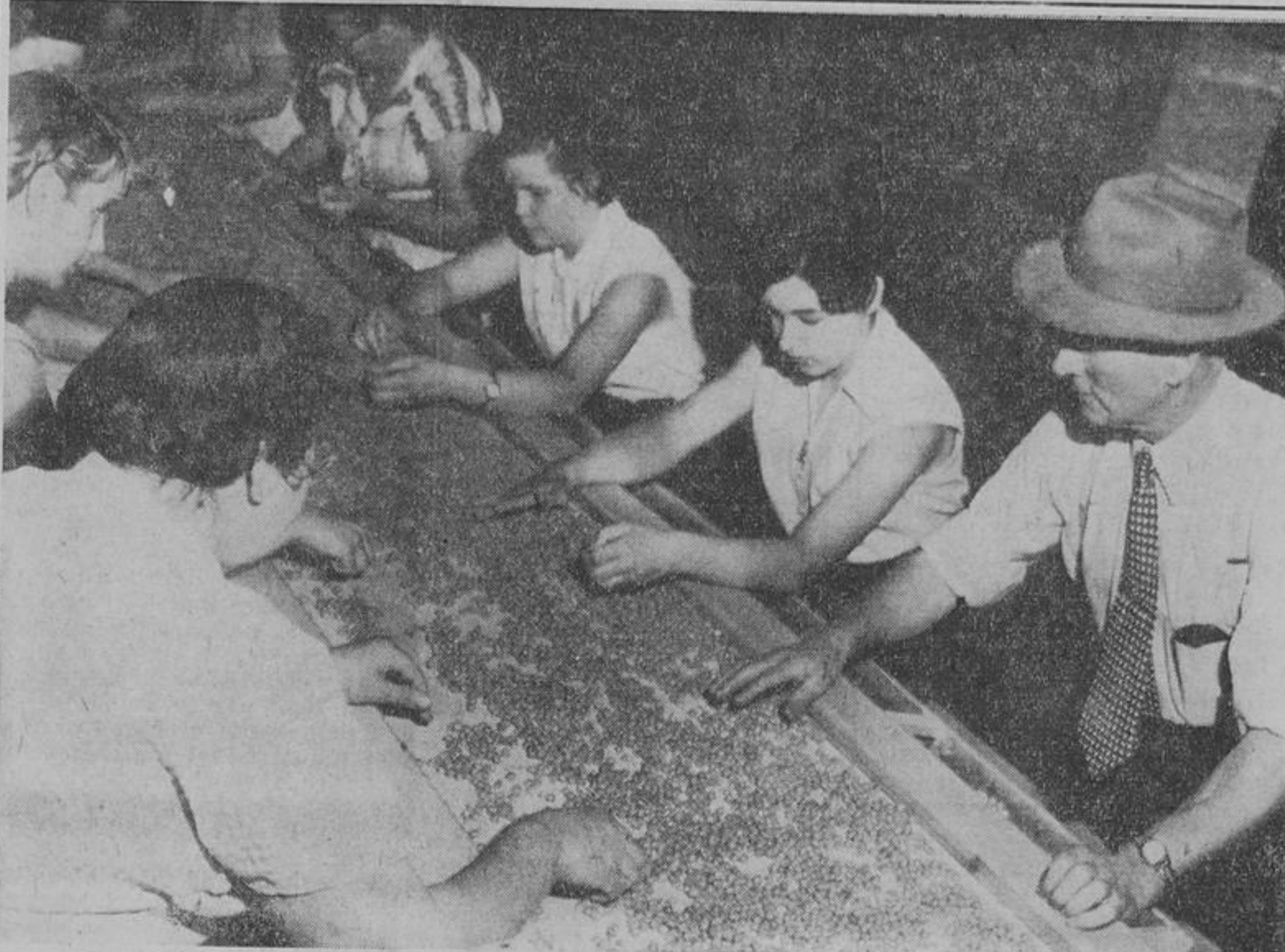
The Board discussed the use of portables and possible additions to the present building, but both of these alternatives proved unsatisfactory because of their limited capacity.

Regarding the site for the proposed school. Since early last year the Property Committee has been considering various properties throughout the southern part of the school district as possible sites for the school. In February the Board decided on a suitable site for the erection of a second high school. The site consists of a rectangular shaped parcel containing approximately 13½ acres, being parts of Lots 28 and 29, Concession 1, in the Township of Markham, and lies immediately east of the boundary of the Village of Thornhill. The Department has recommended that the school site should contain at least 10 acres. The Board has secured Departmental approval of this site, and we have taken the necessary legal steps through the Solicitor to guarantee that the property will be available for purchase once the debentures are issued.

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Village Rents Lot To Hydro

Board Asks Council For Vote Of
Local Public School Supporters



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About a dozen women and young girls sit on each side of the conveyor belt which carries the peas from the processing room where the peas are washed, graded, blanched and drained and at the above point in the operation, the cull peas are being removed before the final packing and labelling after which the peas will be transported to the Toronto Warehouse to be quick-frozen.

Only One In County

Pea Factory In Midst Of
10th Season Of Operation

"New potatoes and green peas," one of Canada's favourite dishes, have become items of particular interest to visitors and residents of York County as the area has been acclaimed as the growing centre for both these important staples. But although the entire County shares in the potato industry, Richmond Hill claims the only processing plant for peas within a large radius.

40 Years Experience

One of Richmond Hill's more recent industries, the processing plant, better known as the pea factory, is in the midst of its tenth year of operation. The plant is operated by Mr. W. G. Seales of Whitby, a veteran of 40 years in the vegetable processing business. Although a resident of Whitby, Mr. Seales spends about two-thirds of every year here in the village. Early in March, he begins to contact local farmers and to make the necessary preparations for the opening. These are finally closed up in October.

Local Employment

Manned by a staff of 60 to 70 men and women, the pea factory offers employment not only for older adults but to many local High School students for a period up to two months beginning late in June. The processing is a very rapid one to insure fresh vegetables for freezing and follows much the same plan as home canning except on a huge scale. The entire pea plants are harvested in the fields and are hauled to the factory where they are threshed and weighed. The peas are then trucked to the processing building where they are washed and graded into four different sizes. Following this comes the blanching and chilling. Conveyor belts carry the peas to the sorting room where pickers remove all the culls. Boxing follows and the peas are taken by truck to the Toronto terminal warehouse to be frozen for later distribution to canning factories and stores. During the entire process the peas are washed four times in revolving baskets, passing from one division to another on conveyor belts. The

pea-straw which is left after the threshing forms an excellent quality silage for winter feeding. Peas Grown Locally

The peas which form the source of supply come from farms in Markham, Vaughan, Whitechurch and King townships. In an interview this week, Mr. Seales told a Liberal reporter that he had chosen Richmond Hill as a location because of the excellent farming land which lends itself to pea growing in the area. He added that since the opening of his processing plant, an increasing number of farmers have begun to grow peas to a point now where he is unable to handle all the peas grown in the area.

Through the progress of this summer industry, Richmond Hill has become known as the pea processing centre of York County.

Announces Changes
In Old Established
Medical Practice

Dr. Jas. R. Langstaff, Richmond Hill, has announced that Dr. John B. Wynne and Dr. Allen J. Smith are now associated with him in general practice here. Dr. Wynne and Dr. Smith both are graduates of Toronto University and have taken up residence in the village.

Dr. Smith took his Arts degree at University of Toronto and served for a year and a half in the Canadian Navy before taking the course in medicine from which he graduated this year. Dr. Wynne is a son of Dr. Charles Wynne of North Toronto and resides on Centre Street East.

The Langstaff medical practice was established in Richmond Hill more than one hundred years ago in 1849. Dr. James Langstaff, who commenced practice here seven years ago was preceded by his father, Dr. Ralph Langstaff, his mother, Dr. Lillian Langstaff and his grandfather Dr. James Langstaff.

E. J. Fowler, Markham, Wins '53
Oldsmobile At St. Luke's Bazaar

St. Luke's Catholic Church's Annual Bazaar was certainly the highlight of this week's events in Thornhill, being very well attended by local and district people. Over \$5,000 was realized on the sale of the 4,069 tickets on the 1953 Oldsmobile as well as the proceeds from the many games of chance, fish pond, home baking booth, refreshments, and fortune telling, which were featured.

Of course the crowd was anxious to find out the winner of the car and other valuable prizes, so when Jack Smith, Richmond Hill, drew

415 Take TB X-Ray
At King City

The X-Ray mobile car that spent Wednesday afternoon and evening in King City, was visited by 415 persons, who came to have their chests X-rayed, free of charge. In conjunction with this test, an envelope containing information regarding diabetes, and how this disease may be detected, was given to each person. Those in charge of the car, the York Health Unit and the Women's Institutes, were very pleased with the attendance, especially because many men took the time to have the examination. Mrs. T. L. Williams was in charge of the local arrangements, and she reports that the ladies were very busy, after supper being the busiest time. The ladies from Temperanceville W. I. who were in attendance at the beginning of the afternoon, were Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Mrs. W. Jennings, Mrs. F. Boys, and Mrs. B. Palmer. The Lasky W. I. were in charge from 4 to 6 o'clock, with Mrs. W. Monkman, Mrs. L. Boys, Miss W. Boys, and Mrs. E. Bath, present. During the evening, the King City W. I. was represented by Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. L. Shropshire, Mrs. John Phillips, Mrs. T. L. Williams, and Mrs. E. Bath.

Other lucky prizes at the event were won by the following: Model aeroplane donated by Paul Harrison, was won by John Gillies of Thornhill. Lady's wrist watch, donated by Mr. Bryson, won by P. Ward of Langstaff. Man's wrist watch donated by Fred Britton was won by Mr. Neil of Thornhill. Ice skates, donated by Miss J. Edwards, won by Mrs. Davies of Thornhill. Pair of rabbits donated by Chas. Madden Jr. were won by Mrs. M. Powell of Colborne Street, Thornhill. Father Crevello would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make this annual event a success, either by the donation of prizes, or by patronization of the bazaar. This evening of fun is getting to be an event much looked forward to by the community.

Station Lot Sold

Reeve W. J. Taylor of Richmond Hill reported at Monday night's meeting of council the sale of the radial station property at the corner of Yonge and Lorne in the village, to John A. Davidson, of Toronto, for \$12,000.

Two other tenders were received, one for \$11,500, the other for \$11,900. Richmond Hill's share of the \$12,000 after expenses have been paid will be 23 per cent. It is not known as yet what use will be

Girl Killed
Parents Injured
In Head-On Crash

Cheryl Ann Foliott, six year old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foliott of Temperanceville, was instantly killed in a motor accident on July 20 at Carleton Place near Ottawa, while travelling in a car with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Foliott of Chateauguay, Que. At last report both Mr. and Mrs. Foliott were unconscious in an Ottawa hospital.

The head-on collision occurred when the Foliott's small sedan and a gravel truck driven by George South of Almonte both entered an intersection in the centre of the town. The truck carried the car 20 feet and her parents against a verandah demolishing both the car and the verandah.

Mrs. Foliott is the former Mary Wellesley, daughter of Mrs. Wellesley and the late Arthur Wellesley of King St. She is a sister of Councillor D. Wellesley of King Twp. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foliott left Temperanceville Monday

Variety of Events to Feature
Lions All-day Carnival, Aug. 8

Lions in Richmond Hill these days are busy preparing for the annual carnival, Saturday, August 8, which from all signs and efforts of various committee chairmen and their assistants is going to be one of the biggest and best if not the best ever held.

All Day Feature

Layout of the carnival has been planned to facilitate free movement of the large crowd which will be featured to attract young and old alike from early morning until shortly before midnight.

Games

Games of skill, games of chance, rides and entertainment for the kiddies, and the ever popular Bingo have all been planned for well in advance.

Dancing

An attraction becoming more and more popular and one not to be missed is the Square Dance Competition with classes for adults, teenagers and juniors. Tommy Thompson will be calling. Some very excellent prizes have been obtained for this event through the courtesy of three large Canadian firms.

Arrangements have been completed for the modern dancing in the evening the music of Russ Creighton and his orchestra.

The parade, an ever popular event, will have an interesting feature in a coronation float and one of the best bands to lead in St. Mary's Boys' Trumpet Band of Toronto about which there will be more information at a later date. Lucky Draw

St. Mary's Separate School
Erecting Portable \$6,500

Richmond Hill council at its meeting Monday night turned down a second request of Richmond Hill Public School Board to issue debentures to the amount of \$200,000 for the erection of a new 10-room school. Representing the Board were Chairman James Pollard and Inspector Maynard Hallman. When Mr. Pollard heard council's decision he stated it was then the wish of the Board to ask council to issue a plebiscite, calling for a vote of the Public School electors on the matter. Council decided before it made any further move to consult with the village solicitor.

"Our solicitor said it would be useless to ask the Municipal Board for permission to float the debentures," said councillor Rice, "because they would refuse to let us do it." Mr. Pollard added "We have been informed that the Municipal Board will not refuse any request until it has come before the Board as a whole and a written decision is issued on the matter."

When Chairman Pollard asked for the issuing of a plebiscite Deputy-Reeve Tomlin asked "What if we don't call for a vote of the people on the matter?" "Then the Board issues a writ on council," said Mr. Pollard. "Why not issue it on Vaughan?" replied Mr. Tomlin.

"We're going by the Public School Act," continued Mr. Pollard. "Eighty-one per cent of the pupils at the school are from Richmond Hill," said councillor Perkins.

"We don't want any of this last minute business," said Reeve Taylor, "we'll consult with our solicitor first before we make another move."

Our solicitor told us even if the people voted in favour of the school and council still said no, and even if a writ was issued against council, when the matter came before the Municipal Board the Board would still refuse to let council float the debentures," said councillor Middleton.

When the vote was taken council voted three to one, councillor Perkins issuing the dissenting vote, against the floating of the debentures. It was then moved by Deputy-Reeve Tomlin and seconded by councillor Perkins that council consult the village solicitor to find out the next step to take. All council voted in favour of this move.

"If the people say its alright to build this school and the Municipal Board gives its approval then the people can't hold it against council for their high taxes," said councillor Rice.

"The School Board doesn't care whether Vaughan or Richmond Hill issues the debentures, just as long as they get the money," said Deputy-Reeve Tomlin, "but we're the ones who get the blame for high taxes. After all we do have the financial responsibility of the town. I can't see why our children can't be educated without all these fees. I can honestly say I am perfectly satisfied with the way

my children are being educated now and can't see any purpose for these extravaganzas." Separate School Buys Portable

Chairman Clive Bettles and Treasurer Theo Van Wieringen of St. Mary's Separate School in the village appeared before council and asked permission to place their new portable school over the specified limit of 25 feet from lot line so the portable would not block out of the doorways of the present school. Since, as it was pointed out to them, the portable school was not a permanent one, council felt it was not necessary to break the by-law when there was sufficient room to get in and out of the said doorway.

Council pointed out if they did it for one they would have to do it for others who requested the same adjustment.

Asked the cost of the one-storey portable school Chairman Bettles reported it as \$6,500, the class room holding as many as 45 desks. Mr. Bettles continued that the Board was told the average number of pupils for this classroom was between 40-45, the capacity number being 52.

"We don't expect to use the school more than two years and after this period we are reasonably certain of being able to dispose of it at that time," said Mr. Bettles. "One hundred and twenty-five pupils attended school last term with an additional 30 expected this Fall."

Rent Lot To Hydro

Council agreed to rent the one-acre lot on the east side of Pugsley Avenue in the village to the Hydro for storage purposes at a cost of \$50 a year for a period of not more than five years. If the lease is to be cancelled council asked for a six months advance notice. A letter was received from the Hydro asking to buy the lot but council refused the first offer.

Council received word from the Don Valley Conservation Authority on its recommendation for improvements to the pond area on Mills St., to make it suitable for a picnic park. One recommendation mentioned was to set up a diving board and use the pond for swimming. Councillor Middleton commented that swimming is not allowed in any reservoir and since the pond is the village's auxiliary water supply swimming should not be permitted there. The letter from the Authority was filed for further discussion.

Every Saturday

Farmers' Market Popular
In New Thornhill Stand

Building is progressing rapidly on the new Farmers Market at Thornhill and it is planned to have the new quarters open early in October. Right now the popular market is operating in spacious tents and doing a thriving business every Saturday.

Formerly located at the North Yonge city limits the market was forced to find a new location and, after careful investigation the Thornhill site was chosen. There is every indication that it was a happy choice. Even in the temporary quarters producers report business has been excellent, and customers have followed the market to the Thornhill location in large numbers. In addition many new customers are seen each week and are appreciative of the opportunity of securing all kinds of produce fresh from the producers.

Last Saturday as usual the Market stands were well laden down with choice produce. Garden fresh vegetables, chickens, ducks, fresh meats, eggs, cheese, rich farm cream, home baking, cut flowers, and in fact everything in the line of farm and garden produce, was attractively displayed for sale. Customers were numerous throughout the day and everyone reported business was good.

The market is a friendly place to shop. Quality produce, fresh from the farm is an inducement in itself, but added to this is the friendly touch of personal service.

Coming
Events

JULY 24 - Friday, 8:30 p.m. Soap Box Derby and Bicycle Races to be held at Pinecrest Speedway (No. 7 highway). Prizes for all entrants. Also Bingo, dancing and games. Sponsored by Maple Lions Club. *3w2

JULY 25 - Saturday. Doncaster Community Picnic, Greenwood Park (No. 7 highway east of Brougham). Free bus leaves Morgan Ave. and Yonge St. at 1:30 p.m. sharp, stopping at intermediate points to Bayview. Free ice cream, soft drinks and swimming for the children. Bring your own lunch.