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## To Auction Off Old Twp. Offices

# Markham Makes Decision On The Cost Of Building Roads Into School Sites

As the result of discussion on two separate cases of building roads into school property, Markham Township Council on Monday set a definite policy regarding the construction of any such roads.

By unanimous expression of opinion members decided where new roads have to be built into any school property the township will build such roads and in turn charge the total cost to the school area concerned. The members felt that the only fair and equitable way is for the ratepayers to be served by any new school to bear the cost of any road that might be required. It is not expected that this latest ruling will affect most schools as the usual procedure is to build a school on already existing township roads.

**Henderson Ave. Public School**

The first request to be dealt with by council was from the Board of School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan, who have queried council regarding the extension of the east-west road known as Drury Avenue into their Henderson Ave. school. The township has at the request of the school board already extended the north-south road known as Henderson Ave. The province paid a subsidy on this extension. On this new road which the township road department estimates will cost approximately \$1100 to grade and gravel, Road Superintendent A. Buchanan reported that the Department has signified that as it has already paid subsidy on Henderson Ave., it will therefore not pay a subsidy on the extension of Drury.

Councillor W. Clark: "If the province won't pay a grant then I don't know how we can ask the whole township to help bear the cost of a road to serve one particular school section."

Councillor A. Lennie felt that following the lead of Vaughan Township, which already has built roads into the Charles Howitt and Powell Road Schools, Markham had agreed to build a road into the Henderson Ave. school.

In calling for a forthright policy decision by council on the matter Deputy-Reeve A. LeMasurier remarked, "I believe last year's council did agree to such an arrangement."

In harking back to last year's verbal agreement, Reeve W. Timbers felt council had signified its willingness to do the necessary work on the road, but that no definite decision was made as to how it should be paid for.

As the council will likely have to face the same problem in the future, Reeve Timbers agreed they should adopt some definite policy. "Where a new road has to be built into a school site I feel the construction of such a road should be assessed to the people of that individual school district," stated Reeve Timbers.

The council was of the opinion, they had already co-operated with the school board by extending Henderson Ave. Councillor Len-

nie agreed that the normal procedure would be for the school board to assume the responsibility of any new road they might require.

**Markham High School**

Similarly the township has agreed to build for the Markham District High School Board, at their expense, a small bridge and footpath, as an extra access into the board's new high school.

**Old Twp. Offices**

On the recommendation of the building committee, the township will auction off, subject to a reserve bid, their old Unionville township offices and adjoining metal garage in the latter part of September. In the ensuing discussion with building committee chairman C. Hooper, Deputy-Reeve LeMasurier insisted that the money realized from the sale should be "as previously promised to the public, applied to the overall debt."

**Doncaster Ratepayers**

Mr. C. Russell appeared before council on behalf of the Doncaster Ratepayers to request the members investigate two unfinished basements located on Glen Cameron Ave. Mr. Russell reported one of them is open and apparently abandoned. "This open excavation presents a safety hazard to our children," stated Mr. Russell. Also on the same street is another basement, which according to all reports, is being prepared for living quarters contrary to the township by-law. Council has delegated Building Inspector Ross Norton to investigate the matter.

**Swill Feeding**

The members have finally received official notice through their solicitor that the Ontario Municipal Board has turned down Markham's by-law designed to prohibit the swill feeding of hogs within the township. In its brief, the Board gave no specific reason why it had turned down the by-law.

Markham will study a copy of a Pickering Township by-law covering the licensing of swill feeding piggeries. One of the main provisions of the Pickering by-law is the payment of an annual license fee of \$100 for all swill feeders.

**Other Business**

The Ontario Municipal Board has notified the township of a public hearing to be held on August 31 concerning the application of H. B. Duthy for permission to subdivide a parcel of land on lot 18, concession 6 Markham township.

The township has received a copy of a letter sent to Vaughan township, and written by a Mr. H. B. Stewart, in which the writer requests that the Richmond Hill District High School Board hold a public meeting of the ratepayers concerned before making any final decision as to the type of high school to be built in Thornhill.

All township road employees with a year or more service will receive two weeks' holidays with pay.

25 Year King W.I. Member To Take Part In A.C.W.W. Pageant

Mrs. John Phillips has been a member of the Women's Institute for 25 years, and will enjoy to the utmost her active part in the A.C.W.W. pageant to be held soon in Toronto. An enthusiastic member of the Vellore Institute before she came to King City to live nine years ago. She transferred her membership to the local Institute group at that time, and has been one of the faithful and valued workers with the King City Institute ever since.

Mrs. Phillips has four daughters and a daughter-in-law who share her enthusiasm for Women's Institute work; they are Mrs. John Julian, Woodbridge, Mrs. Robert Ball, Hope; Mrs. Robert Julian and Mrs. Roy Phillips, both of Vellore, who are all members of the Vellore Institute, and Mrs. Leslie Glass, Lasky, who works with the Lasky Institute. As each of her daughters and her daughter-in-law will be attending the Canada Day Pageant which is to be held in Maple Leaf Gardens at the end of

this week, Mrs. Phillips decided that this was the time to give them a souvenir to wear, so that they may remember this important year in the life of this women's organization that was born in Canada, 60 years ago.

On Saturday evening, Mrs. Phillips invited the five ladies of her family to visit her. She surprised and pleased them, when she presented each of her daughters and her daughter-in-law with a Women's Institute pin, which they will proudly wear as members, and when wearing will remember their mother, and her pleasure in the Institute.

Mrs. Phillips is one of the local ladies who will be taking part in the Canada Day Pageant which will bring the International Convention of the A.C.W.W. to a close. On Saturday evening she charmed her daughters when she paraded in the old fashioned black satin gown, with basque and train, of the early days in Canada, and the little white lace cap, that she will wear in the Red River scene of the pageant.

**Wilcox L. Resident Blasts Whitchurch Council For Neglect**

A well-known ratepayer in the Lake Wilcox area, Bob Sharp, almost caused an open break in the Whitchurch Township Council meeting recently when he accused the council of neglect and mistreatment in the administration of public services and law and order at Lake Wilcox. Much of Mr. Sharp's agitation seemed to be directed against Councillor E. L. McCarron.

Speaking of traffic violations, Mr. Sharp stated that police ignore parking offences and make no attempt to curb the speeding past the Oak Ridges School. "Why is it we can't get anything done by our police?" he continued.

In reply to his criticism of the police force regarding the lack of a charge in the case of a stabbing in the area, Clerk Jack Crawford stated that the victim had withdrawn his charge. Speaking of Mr. Sharp's additional criticisms on roads and culverts, Councillor McCarron said that these matters were being investigated, and added that more was being done than for the Wilcox Lake area than had ever been done before.

## 1810 Date One Of Oldest Graves

# Vaughan Mennonite Cemetery

In olden days, before the settlers had the opportunity to establish a community cemetery, families interred their departed loved ones on a high and peaceful spot on their own property. Head stones marking their graves can, in many instances, be seen to this day.

Edging the new Barrie Highway on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer are the graves of the first families to settle in the district. Likewise along the north line fence on the farm of Nelson Peelar rests the remains of the first members of the Smith family who settled there 150 years ago.

On the McCleary farm is the burial plot of the Brown family, Mrs. McCleary's people. This neat and beautiful sacred spot is situated along the jog of No. 7 highway as it passes through the centre of the village.

The cemetery on the Dalziel farm was started in the year 1832 and is located about 42 rods from the 5th concession and about three rods from the line fence between lots 1 and 2. It was started in the year 1832 on the death of Christina Dalziel, wife of Rev. Andrew Bell, one of the first missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Upper Canada. There are eight graves in the cemetery, the last burial having taken place in October 1900 on the death of Janet McLean Dalziel, Mrs. Dalziel's mother.

There will be no more burials in this plot so the graves are surrounded by a concrete wall with the inscription "Dalziel Pioneer Plot 1832." Mr. Dalziel plans to have the plot registered so that it will be forever in the name.

Records left by the late Dr. T. E. Kaiser indicate that land for the Townline Cemetery was purchased in 1859 for the sum of £40. Here are interred members of the Kaiser, Fisher, Stong and other pioneer families. Burials ceased to take place in this cemetery a number of years ago and the graveyard was conveyed, in 1908, by deed to the trustees of the Methodist Church, now Edgeley United Church, who kindly applied the income from the sale of buildings to a fund for the upkeep of the cemetery. Last year the Young People's Fellowship Group pledged to bestow their attention upon the upkeep of this little cemetery.

The Mennonite Cemetery, situated in the north half of Lot 7, Concession 4, Vaughan Township, at present contains about 300 graves. The oldest with inscription on it is Henry Smith, died October 10, 1823, although there are quite a number marked with flat field stones, not even bearing a date, which it is presumed may have been buried ten or twelve years previous to that date.

Burials continue to take place in the little cemetery and each year a number of folks return to the community to visit the graves of their forefathers.

## Marjorie Elwood Cooking Expert Living In Village

Mrs. Charles Elwood, Marjorie Elwood to thousands of home makers, with her husband, became a resident of Richmond Hill several months ago. The Liberal had the pleasure of meeting her this week. Mrs. Elwood is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has specialized in household science. "I think," she said, "We have picked for our home one of the finest suburbs of Toronto. It is certainly most homelike and the folks we have had the honour of meeting, so far, are indeed splendid and friendly neighbours."

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