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## Young Canada Book Week

This is Young Canada Book Week and all across Canada, organizations interested in books and children are working together to encourage more reading of worthwhile books by more children at home, in the school and in the library.

The main objective of this week is to encourage young people in Canada to read more of the better literature now made available throughout the country in book stores and public libraries. Parents and teachers alike agree that the child who becomes familiar with books and who learns how to use and enjoy them and to profit by reading, can carry this ability into later life enabling him to derive considerable pleasure and knowledge from reading.

Books are used for a variety of reasons — pleasure, information, facts and understanding, and it is logical that a good reader must learn to use any book to the best advantage. It is also necessary that the young child, especially, should have the right introduction to reading and books. Educationalists claim that the best way to beat the threat of pulp novels is not to ban them but rather to substitute better books.

This is where the librarians of our local libraries can be of great assistance in guiding young readers into good

reading habits by cultivating in them an interest in good literature. The books put into libraries are intended for the enrichment of life and growth towards educated maturity, and the libraries serving our district at Thornhill and Richmond Hill have been equipped to do this very thing, in fact all over Canada libraries are playing a greater and greater part in the education of our youth.

A visit to local libraries will show that despite the rising sale of "comic books", children are still enjoying the thrills of Adventures with D'Artagnan and Robin Hood and the suspense of Treasure Island. For the very little ones, the newly organized story hour on Saturday morning at Richmond Hill Library is giving many a tiny tot his first glimpse into the land of make-believe through books.

Caxton's experiment 500 years ago to make the writings of the world available to all people has developed into one of the best loved pastimes today when the world's best literature is available to everyone for only a few cents.

Education needs to be continuous in order for a mature society and books are the best source for such continual educating — says a noted literary critic — "Either We Read or We Perish."

## Ratepayers Sponsor Meet

### No Contentious Issues Appear For Coming Vaughan Election

At a meeting sponsored by the South West Thornhill Property Owners Association at the Charles Howitt School last Tuesday evening a group of ratepayers had the opportunity to hear several candidates who plan to stand for office in the coming Vaughan Township and School Area 1 elections. Speaking for the ratepayers, the chairman, D. Robertson said that the purpose in holding the meeting was to help the ratepayers get a clear picture of the candidates and, for newcomers especially, an idea of how the township and school board affairs are managed. The apathy of the ratepayers regarding municipal affairs and voting is alarming, but we hope to stir up some enthusiasm for the election this year, said the chairman.

There appeared to be no contentious issues at stake for the coming election and it looks as if things will be comparatively quiet.

Reeve Marshall McMurchy gave a very comprehensive picture of the present policies of Vaughan Township Council and explained some of the difficulties facing the township since the creation of the Metropolitan Area. He emphasized that the township council would continue pressing for a more even treatment of the new York County under Bill 80, as the equalized assessments, school costs and county roads will all take a jump in cost. Reeve McMurchy said that he feels there is an increasing need for re-allocation of the tax structure on all three levels of government in order that taxes will not become a burden to the people.

Speaking of township planning, the Reeve pointed out on a map the proposed areas for development and cited some of the problems involved in wide-scale, long-range planning.

Councillor John Perry announced that due to pressure of his own business he would not be a candidate for Council this

year. Councillor Perry took the opportunity, however, to remind any prospective candidates of the sacrifice and work involved in holding office. He urged the candidates and the voters alike to give this matter of municipal elections serious thought before making any decision.

Councillor James Robson pledged his support of the Reeve and expressed his confidence in the future of the township. Councillor Robson has given 25 years in the service of the township and along with Reeve McMurchy will stand for re-election.

A newcomer to the field of municipal elections is a successful young businessman, Kenneth Doyle. A resident of Westwood Lane and experienced in the insurance business, Mr. Doyle believes that the township needs a representative from the front end of the township. "Because I can devote the time to municipal affairs, I feel I can give the front end ratepayers the representation they want," he said.

**School Board**  
 The only new candidate at this meeting for School Area Board was Stewart Calvert, a resident of Highland Park. Mr. Calvert, who is a High School teacher, has taken a vital interest in school as he feels that it is necessary for children to have the best educational advantages in order to lead useful happy lives. He feels that the various members of the board should be familiar with the different aspects of education and as he has been a teacher for 15 years Mr. Calvert has considerable experience to offer. Mr. Calvert expressed the need for closer liaison between the School Boards and the public to avoid misunderstanding. "Boards should inform the people in advance of any major proposals," he said. "People know all too little of the workings of the School Boards," he added.

Trustee A. Wilkins announced his intention to stand for re-election and added that through his experience in the building trade he was able to assist in spending the tax dollars to the best advantage, especially in school construction.

**Question Period**  
 At the conclusion of the addresses, Reeve Marshall McMurchy answered a number of questions from the floor regarding assessment, taxes and township regulations. Several questions concerned the fact that the present council consisted of members west of Maple and it was asked why there was no representation from the front end. It would appear that one of the main reasons lay in the fact that, although 850 notices regarding this meeting were sent out, only 60 persons at the most were interested enough to attend.

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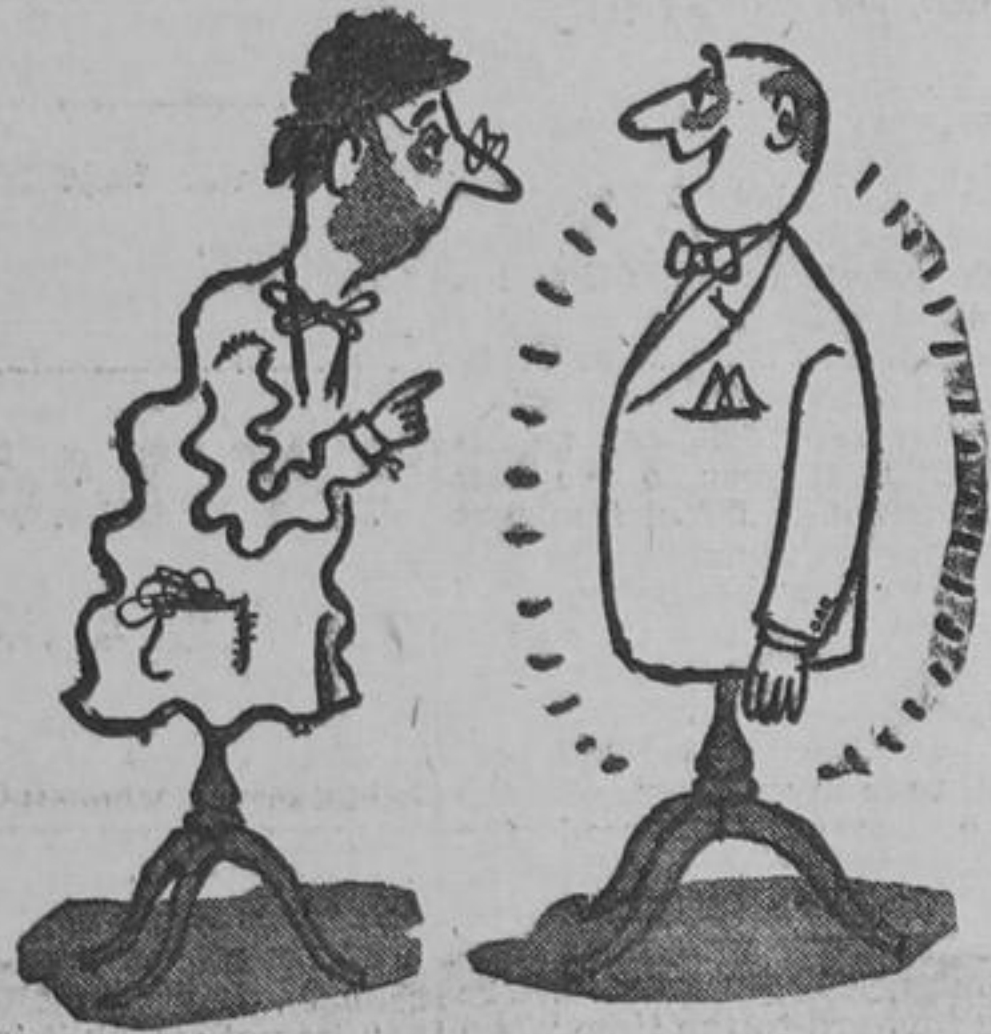
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## Markham Twp.

### Planning Board Unaware Of The Changes Made In New Land Use By-law

Changes in the final copy of the Markham township Planning Board's new land-use by-law have caused "concern" to the members of the Planning Board. These changes were made by the Solicitor and approved by the Council without the Planning Board having prior knowledge of the proposed alterations.

**Dr. Tanner Waits On Council**  
 Planning Board Chairman Dr. D. Tanner in drawing the changes to Council's attention Monday called for more "co-operation between the Planning Board and the Council", in order that both bodies may be aware of each other's plans.

The changes in question concern the addition of schedule "A" which refers to commercial properties and the corresponding clause 14. "The Planning Board never saw schedule 'A' until the by-law had been printed and distributed," stated Dr. Tanner. "We realize the Planning Board is only an advisory body but at the same time we were surprised to discover changes were made in the final copy without our knowledge," added the speaker.

**Changes Made By The Solicitor**  
 Apparently the changes in question were made by the Solicitor on advice of the Provincial government. Councillor A. Lennie — "Well does the Solicitor act without first getting instructions from Council". In reply Clerk C. Hoover stated, "the Solicitor submitted the proposed by-law to the Department of Planning and Development who in turn suggested certain alterations. The Solicitor then incorporated these changes in the by-law". Councillor Lennie — "Did the Planning Board see the by-law after these changes had been made?" Clerk Hoover — "No."

**Council Innocent**  
 Council maintained it had "innocently" passed the final draft of the by-law without realizing that the Solicitor on advice of the Department of Planning and Development had inserted changes without the knowledge of the Planning Board.

At the request of Dr. Tanner, the members granted the Planning Board permission to delete Schedule "A" and amend clause 14.

**Other Business**  
 The members have instructed the Solicitor to draw up further

licensing by-laws to cover certain types of business. Council has already passed a by-law to regulate the licensing of mobile snack bars operating throughout the township.

The Solicitor has advised the Council that the Province will have to pass further enabling legislation before the municipalities will be in a position to regulate the removal of valuable topsoil from farmland. Mr. Lucas advised Council that through the county pressure might be brought to bear on the Province to enact such legislation.

Trustees D. Strickland and H. Dukes, members of the Unionville Police village are anxious to have a street light installed on the main street near the rink. They also want the floodlight at the rink entrance repaired.

The Department heads and Council will meet this week at the new township offices, Buttonville, to consider the layout of the respective Department offices.

The Council and the Buttonville W.I. will share the cost of a new 35 ft. steel flagpole to be erected at the front of the Buttonville offices. Of the total cost the W.I. will pay \$121.00 while the township will pay \$55.00.

### Place For Church In Mental Therapy

Members of the Thornhill and Richmond Hill Ministerial Association met at Thornhill Presbyterian Manse on Monday morning with eight members present. A paper was given by Rev. A. A. Chote of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill on "Mental Therapy and the Church".

Mr. Chote pointed out that great strides have been made in the last two decades in Mental Therapy and the general treatment of mental diseases. He showed that while for a time this new science looked upon itself as all-sufficient, leading Psychiatrists today realize that there is a very necessary place in Mental Therapy for the Church and religion. At the Ontario Mental Hospitals at London and Whitby, there is now excellent co-operation between staff and clergy and in Canada as well as in the United States, in Mental Institutions, a Chaplain is now an essential part of the staff.

The next meeting will be held at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Manse on the 3rd Monday in January.

### First H. & S. For High School Organized at MDHS

The first secondary school association in the York-Simcoe Home and School has recently been organized under the direction of Mrs. R. M. Sherk, vice-president, Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations, at Markham District High School.

Both principal William Newell and president Earl M. Bratton of Unionville expressed their faith in the value of co-operation between the school staff and parents of students.

Three observers were present at this organizational meeting from the Richmond Hill District High School.

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