

Subdividers To Pay Costs

Markham To Proceed Development Of Wells

In a detailed report for Water Area No. 1 made public Monday Markham township's Plumbing and Sanitation Committee (Councillors D. Deacon and V. Griffin) as forecast earlier has recommended that the township proceed with the development of its wells at the corner of the Don Mills Road and John Street, providing the subdividers are willing to put up the \$50,000 necessary to finance such a development.

The money is to be forthcoming from the subdividers once their proposed subdivision plans have received draft approval by the Department of Planning and Development. It is understood three subdividers are included in the plan.

This was one of five recommendations contained in the lengthy report which received the unanimous support of Council. Participation in both the water and sewer scheme will be limited to a certain set number of subdividers in order to insure that there will be ample supply of water for the present property owners. A proven reserve of pumping capacity 50% in excess of the estimated requirements of the present residents will be maintained.

A municipal water system will be developed for the existing communities in the water area while the subdividers will at their expense introduce both water and sewers into the new subdivisions to be developed as part of the agreement.

Each local community, e.g. Highland Park, Doncaster, Langstaff and Thornhill must indicate by either petition or through their local ratepayers' association if they are prepared to come into the water system. No actual vote of the people is planned. If a vote is required the committee estimates it would hold up proceedings for another year.

has estimated there would be 20,000 feet in Highland Park and 25,000 feet in Doncaster. The subdividers contribution is to be in the form of 20% in cash on entering into the agreement with the balance guaranteed by bonds payable when the system is completed and in operation to the edge of the subdivisions.

However the Committee reported that as a result of a series of meetings held with the ratepayers in Highland Park and Doncaster, the question of costs made sewers unlikely at this time, and that the scheme might be reduced to just a water system in Doncaster.

The actual costs of extending the plan at a later date to include other parts of the municipality cannot be accurately estimated at this time. Any extension will require additions to the plant capacity and new trunks.

In the discussion following the tabling of the report the Committee assured the Council that the donations from the subdividers will in no way jeopardize the prior rights of the present property owners.

Reeve A. LeMasurier insisted that the whole of Water Area No. 1 (Highland Park, Doncaster, Thornhill and Langstaff) be developed simultaneously.

Vaughan Meets Metro

Following a request from Vaughan Township Council for a meeting with officials of the Metropolitan Planning Board, an invitation has been accepted by both the Vaughan Council and Planning Board to attend an informal dinner at the Thornhill Golf Club Thursday evening (tonight) as guests of the Metropolitan Planning Board.

May Call Emergency Meeting

Richmond Hill council may call an emergency meeting tonight to consider the purchase of a new diesel motor following breakdown on Monday of the auxiliary gas motor at the Mill St. pump house.

A costly expenditure will result, and the situation is considered under the emergency status, since the motor is used in case of power failure to keep the water pressure up. It is expected the motor will cost around \$6,000.

The motor exploded Monday afternoon while Cec. Mabley of the village, who had been called in to do repairs, was working over it. No injuries were sustained by Mr. Mabley.

The old motor has served the village for the past 34 years, being installed in 1921.

Local representatives for the area for W. C. Becker Co., distributors for General Motors Diesel was in contact with village officials Tuesday and it is expected his company with Fairbanks-Morse, will issue quotations for the sale of a new motor.

Complete Vaughan Humber Valley Expropriations

Vaughan Township Council has completed the land expropriation program in the Humber Valley it was announced at the meeting on Monday, July 18. A letter from the township solicitor containing deeds for 21 properties was received. The expropriation program was started after Hurricane Hazel made it apparent that various low areas along the Humber Valley in the Pine Grove and Woodbridge area were unsafe for permanent residence.

After earlier negotiations and arbitration, a final purchase price was decided on for each individual property and now the deals have been closed. The total value of the 21 properties is \$103,800. Legal fees to be paid by the township amounted to \$991. Notice will be forwarded to those who have not vacated the properties.

Council's Request Ignored Police Chief Criticized

Honour Principal



The Richmond Hill Public School Board has bestowed a well-deserved honour upon one of its principals, Walter Scott, pictured above, in voting unanimously at last Thursday night's meeting to name its third school the Walter Scott Public School. The new twelve-room building which will bear Mr. Scott's name is now under construction in the Allencourt Subdivision near Bayview Avenue. It is planned to have the school ready for occupancy in September.

The Board's action was taken in recognition of the outstanding contribution Mr. Scott has made over a period of some thirty years to the education of this community's children. It was in December, 1924 that Mr. Scott first assumed the principalship of Richmond Hill Public School, a position which he has filled with distinction continuously since that time. Back in 1924 the village's one public school had seven rooms, with an overflow class being held in the Municipal Hall - a sharp contrast to today's school attendance of over 1,000 quartered in 32 classrooms.

But before Mr. Scott took over the post in which he has earned the respect and affection of many thousands of school children, he had seen quite a bit of the world.

Born on a farm at Victoria Square, he went to School Section No. 6 on the Fourth Concession of Markham. From there he went on to Richmond Hill High School, to Jarvis Collegiate for a short time, and finally to Normal School in Toronto. His first school was on the Third of Markham, where he spent four months, earning a rapid promotion for such a short experience to the principalship of a three-room school at Woodbridge where he stayed for three years. A session of a couple of years in Cornwall Model School was brought to an end by his enlistment in the artillery in 1915. In due course he went to France and played a part in every major battle fought by the Canadians from the Somme to the end of the war. Mr. Scott was on leave in Paris when the armistice was signed on November 11, 1918.

His teaching career continued after the war with two years at a school on the Fifth Concession of Markham and then, in December, 1924, his appointment to the principalship at Richmond Hill.

The past few years have been difficult ones in the educational life of this community. Mr. Scott as principal of the public school, had many problems to face in organization and administration created by an ever-expanding school population and inadequate accommodation. These problems are gradually being overcome, but the community is grateful to the man who persevered during these difficult times. Mr. Scott is now principal of the new ten-room O. M. MacKillop Memorial School, completed in the spring of this year.

In addition to his duties as principal, Mr. Scott has found time for other activities devoted to the welfare of his fellow men. He is a Past Master of Richmond Lodge A.F. & A.M., an elder in the United Church, and at various times has helped with Horticultural Society activities and the Library Board. One thing of which he is especially proud is the fund-raising activities of the children under his charge, which have resulted over the years in such worth-while accomplishments as the furnishing of a room at Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital, the aiding of war victims overseas, and similar activities.

Trailer Catches Fire Richmond Hill Firemen answered two calls Monday, one in the village and the second in Thornhill. A trailer belonging to a motorist passing through Richmond Hill caught fire and it is thought a cigarette butt was the cause of the blaze which started in some bedding resting on top of an ice box. Minor damage resulted.

A tire tube in the Cadillac car owned by Mr. Walmesley, King R.R., caught fire while Mr. Walmesley was passing through Thornhill. The tube was gradually going flat and it is thought the heat of the day and the pressure on the tube caused the friction.

Bus Service Discontinued The bus which normally runs each Sunday morning to St. John's Church, Yonge Street at Jefferson, and which circles Wilcox Lake, to pick up worshippers for the morning service, has been discontinued for the holiday season. It will commence operation the first week in September.

Prohibits Yonge Stopping Against Council's Wishes

As an aftermath of Chief Constable Robt Robbins' action last Sunday in prohibiting the stopping or parking of cars on Yonge Street in the village, contrary to instructions of council, he has been asked to appear at the next regular meeting to explain his disregard of council's wishes.

The matter was brought to the attention of Monday night's meeting by Councillor Wesley Middleton, a member of the Police Committee, who forcibly pointed out that Chief Robbins was aware of council's feelings on the matter of prohibiting parking along Yonge to facilitate an additional lane to expedite the flow of week-end traffic through the village.

"I told him I was opposed to it," said Mr. Middleton in referring to the incident, "and then I hear the signs went up again last Sunday. We tell him what we want done and he won't listen to us. I've also heard from reliable sources he says, 'No Police Committee's going to tell me what to do.'"

Council decided to have Chief Robbins attend the next regular meeting of council to explain his actions.

Richmond Hill Public School Bd.

May Set Retirement Age For Local School Teachers

The Personnel Committee (Trustees Mrs. Margaret Southwell and Stan Tinker) of the Richmond Hill Public School Board were instructed at the July meeting of the Board held Thursday last week to prepare a report on the advisability of establishing a retirement age for the teaching staff of the three schools under the Board's jurisdiction. The report is to be presented at the September meeting of the Board.

Mrs. Southwell who introduced the topic felt that it would be a definite step in the right direction to set an age limit for all staff members. Citing today's attractive salaries, Chairman James Pollard agreed that there was a temptation to carry on as long as health permits. The Toronto Board of Education sets the retirement age of male teachers at 65 and women at 60.

Kindergarten Registration With kindergarten registration for the 1955-56 school year already standing at 113, Trustee Tinker advocated that the Board impose a maximum figure on the number of kindergarten students to be accepted. "If we should exceed our facilities," stated Mr. Tinker. "We are not bound to accept more than we can handle," added the speaker.

The present registration date as set by the Board states that all children five years of age before the end of the present year will be accepted. Chairman Pollard was of the opinion that between the two kindergartens (Yonge Street School and MacKillop School) a total of 150 children could be accommodated. "Once this figure has been reached, I suggest the Board obtain a letter from the inspector stating that we are unable to handle any further registration," stated Mr. Pollard.

The Board, Thursday, selected Mrs. Lucille Wiseman, a resident of the Village, from among four applicants as the new kindergarten teacher for the Yonge Street school. Mrs. Wiseman was hired at a salary of \$3100. She has had eight years kindergarten teaching experience in schools in Toronto and Fort William. Mrs. Wiseman's appointment brings to three the number of kindergarten teachers employed by the Board.

The Board has engaged the services of Mrs. M. Howarth to teach Grade 1 in the new school in the Allencourt Subdivision. She will commence her duties at a salary of \$2700. Also hired to start in September was Mr. Matti Kinnari, a graduate of Teachers' College. A resident of Porcupine, Mr. Kinnari will teach Grade 5. He was engaged at a starting salary of \$2500 plus an additional \$100 for sports direction.

Safety Measures As a safety measure for the children attending the new school in the Allencourt subdivision the Board will request the Village Council to consider the construction of a cinder path on

Markham Road. The Board is also anxious to know if the width of the bridge on the Markham Road is safe enough to allow children to cross it. The Council will be asked to consider the posting of a crossing guard on the railway tracks which cut across Markham Road. The Trustees are in the process of negotiating with the property owner concerned to secure permission to build a cinder path from Oxford Street into the new MacKillop School. Purchase New Equipment By a majority decision of the Board members have authorized the purchase of 140 senior and 280 junior student desks and 8 teachers' desks as well as a table for the teachers' room for use in the new school in the Allencourt Subdivision. Also included in the order were 34 kindergarten chairs and 15 kindergarten tables. The total cost of the equipment was \$3919.56. It was purchased from the Standard Tube and Steel Company of Woodstock. The question of whether to equip the school with new desks or use the ones available free of charge from the Toronto Board of Education was the subject of a long debate at a special meeting of the Board held recently. On a recorded vote, Trustees Pollard, Mrs. Southwell, Ross and Mills favoured the purchase of new equipment, while Trustees Tinker and Mabley voted to obtain the used desks from the Toronto Board. The largest account passed for payment at this regular meeting was the bill of Norman E. Bone for \$4,369.41 to cover the cost of fencing around the new MacKillop School. Mr. W. Hulse, Toronto, has been awarded the job of removing the partitions in the auditorium at a price of \$100.00. Mr. W. N. Norris, of Bolton, has been awarded the contract to paint the auditorium at a figure of \$2665.00. The Purchasing Committee (Trustees Ross and Mills) has completed arrangements with Jack Hood School Supplies, of Stratford, to have that firm handle the supplies for the Board's three schools. The tentative contract price for the coming year is \$4,000.00. A room in the Yonge Street School will be set up as a supply room.

SHARON: Council has set up a committee to investigate tentative costs of both a municipal water system and a sewerage system for the town.

Sod Turning St. Mary's Anglican Church



Junior Choir Boy Master David Agg is seen as he passes the ceremonial spade to Bishop G. A. Wells during official sod-turning ceremonies for St. Mary's Anglican Church new Parish Hall.

At an impressive ceremony held Sunday the first sod was officially turned for St. Mary's Anglican Church's new \$85,000 Parish Hall.

Following morning prayer the congregation assembled at the site of the new Parish Hall at the rear of the church where Bishop G. A. Wells C.M.G., M.A., D.D. of the Cariboo assisted by the Rector the Rev. A. A. Chote and lay representatives officially turned the sod to start the building of the Parish Hall.

A highly significant ritual marked the occasion when the Peoples Warden, Harry Stanford representing the present congregation passed the ceremonial spade to junior choir boy Master David Agg, representing the future generation who in turn passed it on to the Bishop. Thus is passed on in unbroken se-

quence a noble tradition from paternity to posterity and, thence to the guardianship of the church.

The handle of the ceremonial spade was banded in sterling silver and inscribed as follows: "To the Glory of God - St. Mary's Anglican Church Parish Hall, July 17th, 1955. For this in congregation and future generations this instrument is passed by Master David Agg to Bishop G. A. Wells, M.A., C.M.G., D.D., (officiant), Bishop F. H. Wilkinson, M.A., D.D., (Diocesan), to start the building of the Parish Hall. The Glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us to prosper the work of our hands.

Reverend Arthur A. Chote, B.A., L.Th., (Rector), Mr. H. Stanford and Mr. T. P. Henry, Churchwardens, Mr. R. D. Lit-

tle, Chairman of the Building Committee." Bishop Wells who has served the church in Western Canada for 21 years chose a selection from Nehemiah for the text of his sermon delivered at the morning service. Using Nehemiah's life as a reference, Bishop Wells stressed the great need for dedicated leadership in church affairs as well as in our Civic, Provincial and National life. A minor prophet, Nehemiah was a fine soldier, preacher, and patriot who gave the people of Jerusalem badly needed leadership during a period of great stress. He fought the enemy with one hand and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with the other. However any leader must also gain the active co-operation of his people if any project is to be a success.

Also shown in the photo are reading left to right, People's Warden Harry Stanford, the Rector Rev. A. A. Chote, Rectors Warden Patrick Henry, and Building Committee Chairman R. D. Little. - Lagerquist

Paying tribute to Mr. Chote, Bishop Wells remarked that he was playing his part in affording his parishioners leadership in the very important work of meeting the spiritual needs of a rapidly expanding community.

Rev. Chote on behalf of himself, and the wardens, thanked all those who helped in any way with the preparation of the service. Special thanks were extended to the choirs and their leader; Mrs. C. Harding, Sidemen S. Tinker and D. Higgins and their assistants, Sexton W. Scrivener, the Chancel Guild members, and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Storms.

Mrs. P. C. Hill and Messrs Harry Stanford and Ted Mansbridge have completed a history of the church.

Coming Events

EVERY MONDAY - Bingo held at Community Hall, Spruce Ave. Stop 22A Yonge St., Richvale, at 8.15 p.m. tfc38

EVERY THURSDAY - Bingo sponsored by L.O.L. 2368 in the Orange Hall, Richmond Hill at 8 p.m. sharp. Lucky draw night. tfc1

JULY 25 - Monday. Regular monthly meeting of Victoria L.O.L. 2368, in Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill, at 8 p.m. All members urged to attend. clw3