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## Aid To Farmers

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture is preparing a brief to present to the Ontario Legislature asking for legislation to protect farmers selling land for pipeline routes. The resolution resulted from numerous complaints from Ontario farmers regarding the types of contracts offered by pipeline companies.

The chief legislation change to be requested would require under the Pipe Lines Act that companies submit maps of proposed pipeline routes to the Ontario Fuels Board before receiving a permit allowing them to negotiate with farmers for land. Pipelines would avoid land containing valuable gravel deposits and would be restricted to existing rights of way where possible.

Payment for the land would be scaled equally with the actual value of the land crossed, or its potential value as residential or industrial sites.

Companies would be responsible for all damage caused to property in pipeline construction. Appeals by the dissatisfied landowner would be heard by the fuel board.

Delegates said one company had offered farmers \$1 a rod for the length of pipelines across their property. For an additional \$1 the contract gave the company an option on the whole property, allowing it to cross anywhere, and to run any number of lines across for \$1 a rod.

The suggested changes in the Drainage Act would make pipeline companies responsible for any additional cost to municipalities, or individuals, due to pipelines interfering with drainage or sewer construction.

Farmers deserve the protection of the provincial government in these negotiations, otherwise, sharp deals and contracts with much fine print may considerably reduce the amount of farmland used for agricultural purposes. It is essential at this stage in our development that the remaining farms be protected and their owners and operators encouraged to continue agricultural pursuits. Otherwise Ontario which is the garden province of the nation may fall down in its essential production of meat and produce.

## Winter Work

Government organizations working in close co-operation with the labour market have urged citizens planning to have work done around their homes to give serious consideration to having the work done during the present slack season. The idea behind the suggestion is to retain an equitable balance between peak and slack work periods and to diminish the problems of seasonal employment.

It has been suggested that such work as carpentry, interior remodelling, plaster repairs, furniture refinishing and cabinet work, etc., can be conveniently done in the winter. During the winter months, when outside construction is reduced to a minimum, tradesmen can offer not only more economical rates, but quicker service than is possible when summer work is at its peak.

It is an advantage to both the homeowner and the tradesman; meaning more immediate attention without premium costs for the home owner. And at the same time the tradesman is assured of a steadier income, resulting in a better balanced economy for everyone. "The Liberal" advertisements are a complete guide for any home service you may need. Take advantage now of economy, quick service and convenience and at the same time aid in balancing our local economy.

## Losing Accommodation Battle

# Advocates Halt In Subdivision Growth

Secondary school accommodation in this district is at a critical stage, Harry Sayers, vice-chairman of the Richmond Hill District High School Board, told the members of the Pleasantville Gardens Ratepayers' Association at their regular meeting last week. "It appears that two or more portables will be needed at the Richmond Hill High School this September to accommodate all the anticipated pupils. Delay in receiving approval for the debentures for the addition to Richmond Hill High School means at least a year before it will be ready and probably longer. Increased pupil population at Thornhill means it is quite unlikely that any great number from the Richmond Hill area will be able to be accommodated there this fall. Woodbridge High School is also being held up, which means pupils from the western half of the district will continue to travel to Thornhill each day."

Not only has the delay in approving these debentures complicated the accommodation picture, but also there will likely be increased costs as a result," he forecast. "The reason for the delay by York County Council, who were asked to issue the debentures, was because the County hoped the Provincial Government would change the grant structure from its present basis of \$20,000 per academic classroom," explained Mr. Sayers. "In the meantime, however, costs of materials and labor have increased, cost of issuing debentures has increased. It is not unlikely that any savings to the municipalities by increased grants will be cancelled out by increased costs of one kind or another. In fact, when we consider the cost of portables as well, it looks as if we will be worse off than before," stated the speaker.

Parents were asked, on behalf of the Association, not to abuse the privilege of children taking lunches to MacKillop School.

The traffic behavior of school children was mentioned and it was decided the executive should ask Council and the Chief of Police to consider safety lectures in the schools and that parents do what they can to instruct their children in traffic safety. Questions were asked regarding riding paths on roads leading to the school and the possibility of bus transportation. It was decided to have the Executive look into all these matters. Dog owners were also asked to co-operate in controlling their animals, particularly when garbage day comes. Questions regarding road paving were also asked, particularly with respect to Richmond St. between Knollside and Trench Sts., and also Mill St. It was explained that it was expected the Council would likely take action in the spring.

Residents of Sugar Maple Lane also asked about snow-paving and road paving and it was decided to obtain further information.

Complaints about the water were voiced. It was pointed out that Council was considering steps to correct the excessive amount of iron.

## Council Chambers Have New Look

Richmond Hill Municipal Council Chambers have been renovated and Monday night the change was the subject of many favorable comments. The ceiling has been lowered and the walls paneled in fir. New lighting has been installed and the new quarters present a very attractive and dignified appearance.

# Observe Health Week Local Rotary Club

The guest speaker for National Health Week, at last Monday's Rotary Club dinner was Dr. C. Collins-Williams, Clinical Teacher in Pediatrics at the University of Toronto and Director of the Allergy Clinic at the Hospital for Sick Children.

In choosing accident prevention as his subject, the Doctor emphasized that although this was not usually thought of in the context of preventive medicine, it was none the less important to the average person interested in his health, particularly children. From the age of two to fifteen, one in every five deaths are due to accidents, more than result from any one disease.

"In addition to things which we normally think of as poisons, for children we must also include such things as paint, kerosene, hair tonic, perfume, etc. At the Sick Children's we get children who have drunk all sorts of commercial preparations, and very often there is no information available as to their chemical composition."

"There has been little publicity about it as yet, but the federal government is taking steps toward the establishment of poison control centers at strategic points across the country, where reference files will be maintained on all commercial compounds as they are put on the market. When this has been done, a doctor can phone direct to this centre and in a matter of minutes know what antidote to give for any mystery poison."

Turning to children's diseases, the Doctor stated that because of laxity due to their having been stamped out and no longer common, there is danger that we may again be threatened by diseases such as diphtheria, smallpox, lockjaw, etc., all of which are completely preventable. "We are now getting some cases of diphtheria," stated the Doctor.

With diseases such as measles, asthma, eczema, hay fever, pneumonia, etc., which are not altogether preventable, there is a regrettable tendency to neglect and delay proper treatment. "It is not uncommon for a child to be brought to us who has had asthma for six or eight years," he said. "In such cases, it takes another five years to effect a cure, as against one year with a child who has had it only three or four months."

In regard to traffic accidents the Doctor stated that in his opinion, the answer to driver education lies in the case of an accident-prone person who proved non-educable, he should not be given a licence.

The Canadian Medical Association, he said, has undertaken a large research project on the medical aspects of traffic accidents, and one of the findings has been that there is a very often a difference between dying and living after a head-on auto collision.

# "Dear Mr. Editor"

Dogs - Dogs - Dogs

Dear Mr. Editor: Judging by your columns during recent weeks, the once-considered "Man's best friend" has become a foe in one fell swoop. What a lot of furore the local canines have caused, drawing literary comment from Old Timer, New Timer, Disgusted and a whole host of others. Of course every one seems to have a suggestion on how to cope with the "problem", otherwise they wouldn't write. So far I have not seen a feasible idea in all the lot.

Of course it's the old story — everyone hopes to throw the responsibility on someone else — let the council or the police or some other official think up the legislation to quell the matter. Or else try to tax the whole business out of existence. As far as I can see, either of these is the answer in itself. However, one writer has pointed out sensibly that we can't hope to solve the matter by expecting everyone to be good, conscientious citizens and abide by the somewhat nebulous and obviously unenforceable rules.

As a dog owner, I cannot see that the person owning a dog should have a pet just because the neighbours don't like him or because a few spoil the show, and on the other hand, why should the neighbour put up with something like the nuisance of an uncontrolled dog? You see dear people, it is a double-barrelled thing, just like the pedestrian versus the automobilist and the drunkard as opposed to the abstainer. There are some things in life that we just can't legislate out of existence because we don't like them or feel hard done by.

But... What do you as an individual do when something irritates you and you decide the whole business must stop — well in most cases, you plan a little scheme and put it into action, don't you? We all know that the people who holler the loudest about the dogs are the ones who would not think of saying, "you keep that mutt off my lawn or else!" Oh no. We have to hedge around, call the Police, "but please don't tell Mrs. Jones I complained about the dog". In how many cases would you lay a complaint in court against the offender? — never probably, but still you complain. If you would be a little tough about the whole thing you'd probably find your trouble would cease and no hard feelings. Your neighbour would have his pooch, you would retain your evergreens and everybody would be happy.

Let's get up the license fee and the dog owners and the people who keep their pets in now would want public washrooms for their pets to get

their money's worth or possibly a \$20,000 pound with an attendant, a dog-catcher and the works.

Here's the rub... Things obviously aren't going to change so wage your own little war. Try a fence, firecrackers, a good stick, or if things get really tough, your ingenuity will supply something effective. Please, you don't need to hurt these animals, just scare them and their owners — and good — and from experience it gets results. So what if the Humane Society does step in — perhaps they can substitute a fool-proof plan. Or any councillor who could find a permanent solution to suit everybody would go down in history.

As I look out the window, I see a battalion of yelping kids accompanied by a contingent of yelping dogs ripping across the neighboring lawn, with a discouraged householder looking on. This is a call to arms, take up your weapons and fight — gird yourself for defence and "on with the dance."

## Dog Problem

Dear Mr. Editor: I have been reading the various comments in this column re dogs running at large, the apparent damage to property of others, the suggestions of large license fees, fines, etc.

We have a lot of would-be horticulturists in Richmond Hill who have their humus plies where they pile peels, scraps etc. entirely uncovered. This will certainly attract any dog, no matter how domesticated or how well fed. It not only attracts dogs, but rags, fleas and vermin.

I would suggest these people be fined when we have weekly garbage collections in our community.

Yours truly,  
Red-Up

## Suggests Solution to School Area Problem

Dear Mr. Editor: Ideally, the difficulties in Township School Area No. 1 Markham and Vaughan should be solved in the course of a political reshuffle, rather than by a regression to splitting the school area again. The parent townships, Vaughan, and particularly Markham, have been behaving as though the Area School Board were their teenage child and they could not agree on how to manage him. Perhaps it is time the dependent set out on his own.

The entire area concerned, both Markham and Vaughan sections, has been experiencing growing pains. Problems of development are exactly the same on both sides of Yonge Street, the result of the same forces. The difficulties with the School Board have arisen simply because these problems have been approached in different ways by Markham and by Vaughan Townships.

Expert long-term planning for the development of the whole area is urgently needed. Problems of education, water, sewage, fire protection, assessment standards, public transportation, community recreation, roads, and the rest, are identical. Possibilities for some varied commercial and industrial expansion, as well as for residential, exist on both sides of Yonge St.

Probably the most important feature of the area is its proximity to Metropolitan Toronto and its consequent influence on development. The second most important feature is the disparity between the nature of development in this area and that in most of the remaining parts of both Markham and Vaughan Townships. Now semi-rural, pressures of expansion will in time force the Thornhill area into true suburban status. It is not too soon to begin to plan a well-regulated community, clean, safe, progressive, and financially sound.

Consolidation of this area into a political unit, separate from both townships, would appear to be the next logical step. Rather than split the School Area, the approximate area it covers should form itself into a new municipality. The education family meantime must try to keep the peace, possibly through the family conference method, the parent bodies recognizing the primary necessity for the provision of a high standard of facilities of a high standard if a community is to achieve healthy development of any type, the School Board recognizing real financial limitations where they exist besides clarifying aims and activities.

Another pressing problem is water and sewage, the two aspects of sanitation becoming each year more urgent. Problem water can be supplied eventually as now planned on a hit or miss basis. Communal sewage most certainly depends on Metro's permission to drain it off through Metro, one way or another. When the point comes to the point, as it must some day, Metro will be able to veto the "pollution" of its streams. It looks as though it will be impossible for this small area to combat the weight of Metro in this respect or in any other. Unable to fight 'em, it will be necessary to join 'em. Why not think about it now?

It is heartbreaking to see the retreat of rural aspects of living. But the demands of the future cannot be denied. They must be faced now and planned for in a realistic way.

Thornhill Resident

AURORA: Lack of workers, lack of interest on the part of younger people, lack of support by Aurora citizens and, predominantly, lack of space to handle even the present activities of the annual Horse Show, which also forbids the expansion of the show through new attractions highlighted a discussion of the future of the Horse Show at the annual meeting of the Aurora Agricultural Society this past week.

## Await Final Agreement Shopping Centre

Markham Township Planning Board has yet to finalize a legal agreement with the James MacKay Construction Company for the proposed erection of a large 12-store shopping centre to be located just south of Richmond Hill on the Yonge St. property presently used by a riding school. The area in question is also to be rezoned by the Planning Board from residential to retail commercial.

The shopping centre will include a large supermarket to be operated by a nationally known chain of grocery stores.

## Seek Wright St. Site For Library

Gordon MacLaren and Angus Mowat representing the Richmond Hill Library Board appeared before the municipal Council Monday night and made a plea for some long-term planning for a local Library Building. The delegation suggested that a 75 ft. lot on Wright Street behind the municipal offices be deeded now to the Library Board to be the site of a new library building sometime in the future.

The delegation pointed out that the lot could be deeded to the Board now and the Library organization would then be entitled to provincial grants on value of site and building up to forty per cent.

The present library is located in quarters in the Municipal Building, and will shortly add to these quarters the rooms now occupied as a clerk's office. This additional accommodation will be ample for some years, but looking to the future the delegation urged that plans should be made for a Library building. Estimated cost of a suitable building was suggested as probably in the proximity of \$60,000. Mayor Neal thanked the delegation for their suggestion and congratulated and thanked them for their interest in the Library. He suggested council members give the suggestion careful consideration and said a decision would be made at a future meeting.

## Art Show February 13

"Landscapes by A. Y. Jackson" is one of the colored films to be shown at the Grandparents' Art Show sponsored by the Canvas Club in the Richmond Hill Library on Wednesday, February 13, at 8:30. Art work including paintings, sketches and such handicrafts as samplers and quilts, etc., done by grandparents both living and deceased will be shown. Members of the club and any interested residents of the community are invited to bring their exhibits on Tuesday, February 12, at 9 p.m. and are asked to attach small printed notices of details.

## \$150 Stolen At Unionville

The Unionville Lumber Company was entered over the week-end and \$150.00 was taken from the office safe. Constables Robert Hood and Clifford Cox of the Markham Twp. Police Force are investigating.

During the week Chief C. Wiedeman had the police speed trap in operation due to some complaints of speeding in Markham Township. At John St., Thornhill, 12 speeders were caught; in Unionville, 50 speeders, in Milliken 23, and a group at Victoria Square.

## New Home Burns

A new home at Richvale was gutted by fire on Tuesday evening just at supper time. The fire broke out in the Maryvale Cres. - Westwood Lane area and was reported by neighbours.

It is reported that the owners of the house had moved the furniture to the house but had not taken up occupancy as yet. Two trucks from Richmond Hill and one from Maple answered the call. The lack of water in the area to fight the fire necessitated the three trucks which were forced to travel back and forth to the nearest fire hydrants for water.

The contents of the house were a total loss. The owners of the property have not been identified.

## Consider Brochure

Vaughan Township council is planning to investigate the possibility of compiling a township brochure. Last Monday, it was agreed that such a brochure would serve a dual purpose in assisting to promote the township for development and to help sell debentures. It was the latter subject which brought birth to the suggestion. It was pointed out that such a booklet showing views of the township and its facilities would be of considerable help in selling debenture issues. Members of Council agreed that it would be a way of introducing the municipality to prospective investors in debenture or in industrial and commercial development. The Clerk was instructed to look into the matter of costs.

PICKERING: Pickering Township Council heard a letter from Ajax-Pickering General Hospital informing the Council the hospital had budgeted for a loss of \$15,120.00 in 1957 and was desirous that the Township, Pickering Village, and Ajax issue grants to cover the debt.

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