

Vaughan Gets An Early Start At Road Work

Because of the dry spring weather work on Vaughan Township roads is getting off to an early start. Councillor Victor Ryder, Chairman of the Roads Committee, told members of Vaughan Township Council at Monday's meeting. Gravel from the pit leased the first part of the year has been hauled every day over the past few weeks, said Mr. Ryder, naming May Ave. as one specific location to already receive the gravel.

During the coming year plans are to add to the paved roads in the township. Up for consideration for paving are Elgin Mills Side Road, Gamble Ave., Pine Grove, the 7th Concession north of No. 7 Highway, and Carville Road. Elgar Ave., Westwood Lane, Roosevelt Drive, C'estwood Rd., and Arnold Avenue. To aid in deciding which of these roads are the most in need of repair and therefore should be paved arterial roads, four traffic counters have been purchased to record the daily traffic over them. From these tests several roads will be selected for this year's intensive road improvement program which will include graveling to build up the road base and ditching to improve the drainage.

Mr. Ryder said he was anxious to get ahead with ditching and asked council to authorize putting the graders on two shifts. Deputy-reeve R. Kirk felt the work should start right away and the rest of the council agreed.

Dust Layer
When it was announced tenders for calcium for laying the dust will be opened May 9, Deputy-reeve Kirk asked how soon the dust layer would be put on as he had already had phone calls in regard to the matter.

"As soon as the roads are consolidated," answered Mr. Ryder. When pressed by Mr. Kirk for a definite date, Mr. Ryder reiterated his opinion it would be a waste of material to spread the layer until the roads are settled.

More Sidewalks
Deputy-reeve Kirk was authorized to get measurements from the township engineering firm, Duncan Hopper & Associates, for additional sidewalks on Yonge St. from Roosevelt Drive to Langstaff, from Mill Road to the southern boundary of Richmond Hill, and Elgin Mills side road, after which tenders will be called for.

There have been several service stations erected in these locations and Mr. Kirk said some adjustments would have to be made, especially regarding "islands" in front of the stations which are in some instances a foot high and impossible to step over.

"We should clear up any conflict between plans approved by the Department of Highways and the good of the township," said Mr. Kirk. It was pointed out by Clerk J. M. McDonald permission for sidewalks along Yonge St. was granted by the Department of Highways several years ago.

On motion of Deputy-reeve Kirk, seconded by Councillor E. W. Anstey the annual grant to Richmond Hill Fair Board was topped \$25.00 to make it \$50.00 this year, the same as for Woodbridge Fair.

Salary increases to the township staff have been approved but still in the preparation stage is the new salary schedule and classification of duties which is expected to be put into effect this year. Based on civil service requirements, Reeve J. Perry and other members of council have been working on the matter for several months.

Dog Catcher Still Needed

The problem of adequate dog catching facilities for the township still plagues the council. It was decided Councillor J. Bryson would be permitted to look into purchasing a used truck, providing a number of township owned kennels, and attempting to hire a person as regular township personnel to look after the catching and disposing of the dogs, or getting the Humane Society to undertake the job with township equipment.

On recommendation of Clerk McDonald, the penalty for taxes not paid when due has been increased to 1 per cent per month. Taxes are usually proportioned for payment in June, September and December.

Council received a letter from the Department of Lands and Forests asking township approval for an extended pheasant hunting season from October 15 to November 1. The department stated it believed such an arrangement for eastern Ontario would assure a uniform season, in which hunting would take place at the same time, an earlier season to ensure a better bag of birds, and a longer season to disperse the hunters.

Deputy-reeve Kirk was of the opinion council should delay its decision until it was seen whether the policy would be adopted across the province, and if so to go along with it. It was decided to delay the decision until more information was received by the clerk.

As the council has received no word as to whether insurance adjusters have contacted those persons claiming fences were knocked down when snow plows were used, Deputy-reeve Perry asked Councillor Ryder to contact the township insurance firm, Wilson & Co., again.

Guide Notes



At the last meeting of the 3rd Richmond Hill Girl Guides held at the Walter Scott School, Pat Price was enrolled as a Girl Guide. Police Chief R. P. Robbins taught "First Aid" as the subject of the night. There was a good attendance shown by all under the leadership of Guide Captain Mrs. L. G. Snook.

(Written by Judy McGregor for her Reporter's Badge)
The regular meeting of the 3rd Richmond Hill Girl Guide Company was held at the Walter Scott School, under the leadership of Mrs. Snook, Captain. Tamsy Wooten was enrolled as a guide after passing her tenderfoot tests. Chief Robbins gave instruction on the St. John Ambulance First Aid course. The company was dismissed early because of the meeting of the Patrol Leaders and their seconds (Court of Honour). There was no campfire.

— Reporter Elaine Jones

We Visit The Richmond Nursery School

"Miss Polly and her dolly" sat quietly in the circle waiting for the "Doctor" to arrive with his bag, while 16 little children illustrated in song and action the trouble Miss Polly and her dolly were going through. This scene took place at the Richmond Nursery School, one morning last week, when "The Liberal" called on the school owner-principal, Mrs. J. A. Latimer and her assistant Mrs. W. D. Lyon.

"School" is held in the basement of the Norman Bone home, Elizabeth Street, and as we approached No. 34, we wondered if we really had the correct house number. The house looked so quiet and neat, the only sign of "childlife" visible from the outside was a collection of outdoor sports equipment in the yard at the rear.

Ushered into the schoolroom, we found 18 children aged 3½ to 5½ years sitting at various oversize kindergarten tables, which were gaily painted, like the walls and ceiling of the large bright room, in coral pink and mint green. At one table a boat-building project was going forward and the little tads provided with various wooden blocks and knobs, bits of cardboard, milk-cap tops and seashells were putting together their own versions of what a ship should really look like.

At another table three little girls were busy "baking" with modeling clay made out of coloured dough; we watched as Patricia quickly modelled a gingerbread man, and Priscilla made birds and a doll.

Suddenly we heard a little voice asking, "Have you got a little boy?" and we looked down and there was George. George is nearly five years old and when he learned we had two boys he asked, "Have they got a tractor?" Forgetting for the moment the tractor at home with the de-capitated driver (which we have for years) we learned that George was an authority on tractors, as he comes from a farm near Maple. After we had admired his little tractor which he carries with him to nursery school, George wandered off to hear Mrs. Comar read a story.

There are 28 children on the rolls at Mrs. Latimer's Richmond Nursery School and they come from Maple, Gormley and the Richmond Hill district, at 9 a.m. each weekday morning, accompanied by one of their parents, collected again at 11.30 a.m., they have in the meantime followed a routine morning of co-operative play, work and rest.

On arrival at school the children play for three-quarters of an hour, inside on stormy days, outside if the weather is good. Last week it was so warm the children played outside in the sandbox; or on the slide or glider; or rode the "horse" most cleverly contrived from a saw-horse and a stout wooden pillar with a carved horse's head; or they climbed through the barrel or used the jumping-board. The jumping-board was the invention of Sandy Latimer, Marian's husband who is quite proud of his wife's career with children, which commenced just four years ago.

At 9.45 the children march back into "school" and wash their hands before munching on a cookie or two; then it's do-it-yourself time, followed by a story or a sing-song before they go outside to play again.

Although the children are never alone for one minute, they are far more free than they would be in the average home. If John wants to float a boat in a tub of water he may do so and not have to worry about spilling some of the imaginary lake on the floor—that sort of thing is taken lightly at the nursery school with its tiled floors and where such things are "expected" to happen among such a crowd. The paste pot is always available, during this period, as are paints, crayons and all the materials a youngster could wish for.

Hanging from the line, in what could be termed the "file" are plastic bags, crammed with the week's work done by each child. Labelled with his or her own name, they contain the young artist's work, which he will carry proudly home to his mother and dad on Friday, so that he can share his "artistic" results with his family. On Monday he brings the emptied bag back to school and pins it again to the line.

Four years ago, Mrs. Latimer took over the nursery school from Mrs. C. R. Tilt—after she had gone "back to school" herself to learn just how the nursery school business should be run. This type of work is not to be classed in with baby-sitting, but is almost on the kindergarten level as little Mary Anne could show you. Mary Anne, who is just four and a half years old is very fond of lettering and as proof that this advanced learning is encouraged, tucked on the bulletin board, along with a host of other excellent displays of work by the children, is a page Mary Anne printed beautifully by herself.

The school also has an easel, for advanced artists we presume, as well as finger-painting equipment for the more casual student. While Mrs. Latimer was showing us some of the better-than-average paintings, Jimmy came along to show us the train he had just painted from memory at the easel—and a very good train it was.

In its own corner is the doll centre, with dishes laid out ready for "afternoon tea" and numerous dolls bedecking the scene. The shelf toys, neatly in their own racks and the well-worn library centre revealed nothing was overlooked in helping to teach the child how to use his time properly.

Arguments or "scenes" are few and far between at the nursery school, but should the occasion for discipline of a sterner measure arise, the teacher leads the child causing the disturbance to a chair away from the others and there he remains until he may join the circle again. Usually this treatment is only needed when the child first joins the school. After he learns to share and work with others, a matter of a few days or a week, he realizes he cannot have his own way but must consider others.

Watching these youngsters as they sang about "Fair Rosters" and then marched out to the play-area singing the Caravan Song, we felt great admiration for Mrs. Latimer and Mrs. Lyon, and for their part-time assistant Mrs. Comar, realizing just how much they were doing for these children and their families.

School teachers recognize the value of the nursery centre for pre-school adjustment and have stated that the child who has attended nursery school for a year or more before going into public school settles right down to business when enrolled in the first grade.

W. R. Outerbridge

Tells Of Work County Juvenile & Family Court

Members of the University Women's Club of York County at their regular meeting Monday night expressed their whole-hearted support of current efforts to establish a Mental Health Association and eventually a Mental Health Clinic in this county. The meeting was held at Kingcraft House, King City, and was addressed by Mr. W. R. Outerbridge, Probation Officer with the Juvenile and Family Court in Aurora who emphasized the need for such a clinic in this area. He pointed out that many different problems which they encounter are referred to clinics in Toronto for psychiatric treatment. This often results in months of delay which could be avoided were a clinic available here. However, the majority of "consumers" of a mental health clinic would come from the schools and from doctors and ministers who would refer special cases to it for treatment.

Mr. Outerbridge, who was introduced to his audience by Mrs. Carol Davis of King, has held his present post in Aurora for some three years. He was born in Japan and lived in that country until the age of 14. Mr. Outerbridge is a graduate in Social Science of McMaster University, did post-graduate work at the School of Social Work in Toronto, and includes in his years of experience in this field a year at the Psychiatric Hospital in Toronto.

Mr. Outerbridge explained that the two main functions of the Juvenile and Family Court are (1) to uphold the law and thus protect society, and (2) to be of assistance to individuals involved with the law. All hearings of the court are held in camera, in an informal manner, and all information given in evidence is confidential and not released to either press or radio. This is largely because of the type of cases handled by the court, for example, delinquent behaviour among children under the age of 16, parent-child relationships, marital disharmony, and so on. The speaker emphasized that the court endeavours in every way possible to provide a helpful atmosphere for the child appearing before it.

Included among the dispositions in the hands of a Juvenile and Family Court judge are the right to suspend sentence; to place a child with the Children's Aid Society, or in a foster home away from its natural parents or in a training school; in the case of desertion to order a man to support his family or face a maximum jail sentence of two years; and to put an offender on probation. In all cases it is the duty of the Probation Officer to form some positive personal relationship with the individual or individuals concerned, thereby enabling him to be of assistance in solving their problem. In addition, he is required to prepare for the court a detailed report on each case, based on research which he has done into the circumstance, background, character, etc., of the individual or individuals involved.

The speaker was thanked by Mrs. Barbara Langstaff of Richmond Hill who assured Mr. Outerbridge of the club's interest in the work of the Juvenile and Family Court, particularly with regard to the mental health clinic which it is hoped to establish in the County.

Mrs. J. R. Baker of King was chairman of the meeting in the absence of the President, Mrs. Marjorie Cheesbrough of King.

WILLOWDALE: Yonge Street businessmen in North York have been asked to appeal their business assessment in a bulletin issued by the association which states such an appeal is strongly urged upon any member whose business is suffering from lack of parking facilities. The association maintains that the assessors have failed to recognise the commercial value (of Yonge St. stores) has been substantially reduced by inadequate parking provisions.

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Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell head of the Personnel Committee, stated teacher requirements for the local schools had been filled. "If we have no more resignations, we are set-up," she said. Twelve teachers for the new school have been hired and three replacements. Twelve of the new teachers will complete courses at Teachers' College this spring.

Supervising Principal Reports
Supervising Principal Rose in his report said tests re learning capacity had recently been conducted for grades 1, 4 and 7. This program was inaugurated last year and will eventually cover all the children passing through local public schools.

There were 2,198 pupils enrolled at the end of March. Of these 290 are in kindergarten, plus a waiting list of 18 for kindergarten at Beverley Acres. Attendance for March was 93.95%. The architects of Beverley Acres school, Jackson and Ypes, will be asked to inspect the beams at the entrance foyer for frost upheaval.

The north and south windows in the basement rooms at McConeghy School are to have bamboo blinds.

Trustee Southwell was appointed to attend a meeting of the York County Education Committee and the York County Trustees' Association in Newmarket this week to make plans for a fall conference.

Though Thursday evening's meeting was one of the shortest regular meetings of the board in several years, ending at 10:30, Trustee Sully brought up the possibility of meeting regularly each week until June. Chairman Ross was of the opinion meetings twice a month with special meetings called when necessary were sufficient. It was recalled that the board had been meeting nearly every week since Christmas because of planning for the new school, in addition to other business.

It was also thought by Mrs. Sully the meetings should be moved back earlier in the week as time was lost over the week end in completing business decided upon at the Thursday meeting.

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