

Maple, Concord & Edgeley Districts

The Liberal is always willing to publish interesting items regarding people and events contributed by its readers in Maple, Concord & Edgeley districts. Our representative in Maple is Mrs. E. Manning, Maple 62R24; in Concord, Mrs. Ruth Keffer, AV. 5-2375; and in Edgeley, Mrs. Raymond Stuart, AV. 5-1934.

Vaughan Reeve's Inaugural Suggests School Boards Levy And Collect Own Tax

In his inaugural address Reeve John Perry of Vaughan Township reviewed in an informative and interesting manner many of the administrative problems facing the Municipal Council which will serve the township for the next two years.

The Reeve expressed concern for the large amount of taxes required for school purposes and over which the municipal council has no control. He suggests that in fairness to elected councils there should be a change in the provincial act to permit school boards to levy and collect taxes. Reeve Perry suggests that a continuation and expansion of the power of the permanent roads will be in the best interests of the township and reduce maintenance costs.

In his inaugural address at the first meeting of the new term Reeve Perry said:

The introduction of the two year term in our township will permit this council to plan a more extended and uninterrupted program covering the problems township's interests, supported and development of the township. It is known that there is always a number of annual and routine items with which to deal, but there are, as well, a group of unknowns that arise from time to time and must be dealt with on their merits. At this inaugural meeting I pledge myself to make very careful decisions in the township's interests, supported by the advice and experience of all council members.

Beginning this year, council will adopt the two-member committee system with each department having a chairman and vice chairman. This method permits committee meetings to be recorded and it gives the members more opportunity to become familiar with the other departments.

The following members are appointed for 1958, but of course, changes may be made at any time.

- Fire and Police — Reeve Perry and Deputy Reeve Ryder.
- Roads — Deputy Reeve Ryder and Councillor Ralph.
- Administration, Assessment and Finance — Councillor Bryson, Reeve Perry and Deputy Reeve Ryder.
- Planning and Development — Councillors Anstey and Bryson.
- Water — Councillors Ralph and Anstey.

Following these announcements, I intend to make a few short comments concerning the different departments and the functions of council, inserting at intervals a few new ideas or plans for the future benefit of this administration and ultimately the people of Vaughan.

Many are aware that in most areas of the township we have 60 per cent of our taxes goes into education — this fact alone merits comment from council quarters. On every possible occasion, I have attempted to remind the people that council has absolutely no control over how or how much to spend on education — this authority is vested entirely in the respective school boards.

In all fairness to the elected council, I suggest that the act should be altered to permit school boards to levy and collect their own taxes. Returning to township controls, the largest expenditure is on roads — the never ending subject of discussion and criticism. It is an accepted fact that gravel roads will not resist present day traffic and speeds, it is therefore only logical that more money must be spent on permanent road building, which will, in time, reduce maintenance costs. Such a program was started two years ago and is already showing its worth. Firstly, roads can not be maintained if not properly drained, for this reason a very extensive wide ditching program was launched.

Poor gravel at any price is a waste — your council acquired a pit with superior quality gravel. For the first time in the history of the township, a hard surfacing program was launched, begun mostly in 1958 with 1 1/4 miles. These projects, already begun, will be continued over the next two years with ever increasing miles of hard surface — some on local improvement which will ultimately reduce maintenance costs, especially on dust layer which never really works.

Only so much can be done in a certain period with a set amount of money but we will do our best. It will be my submission to council that our street signs be

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Fox Drives To Control Rabies

The Vaughan Federation of Agriculture took a long look at the state of the Rabies infection in the township on Wednesday night, January 7, and didn't like what it saw. The farmers in Vaughan and neighboring townships turned out in good numbers to a meeting in Vellore Hall to see a film shown by Dr. Thomas Dales of the Health of Animals Division, Department of Agriculture and to ask him questions about the various aspects of the disease.

It is unfortunate that every person in the township did not see this film which showed so well how easily the disease can be spread among animals, and especially dogs running at large, and how human beings can unknowingly become involved.

Dr. Dales stated that there is an increase in the rabies infection in the township, especially during the past few weeks, with more cats becoming infected with disease. Skunks, coons, rabbits, pigs, sheep, cattle and of course dogs and foxes are a few of the more common animals mentioned that easily contract the disease. It is possible that rats and mice are responsible, to some extent, for some of the spread of the disease, Dr. Dales said.

Rabies is a fatal infection caused by a virus. When the virus is introduced into the tissues, it multiplies and causes injury to various parts of the nervous system. From time to time the virus enters the tissues until the nervous system becomes affected, there may be an interval of 15 days to as long as a year. Four or five days before the infected animal is visibly ill and during the entire period of its sickness, the virus is present in certain body fluids, particularly the saliva.

Under this department also will be found dog and weed control. Again as in the past two years, the Provincial Government will be approached concerning new legislation giving us more power to execute sensible by-laws in these two very annoying problems.

In the department of planning, this could well be the year of terrific development. To this end our planning board and council will be urged to study more thoroughly the effect of added growth. It is rather interesting to note that in Ontario about 50 per cent of the population changes every four years and that 20 per cent of the school population changes every year. In Vaughan, one in every seven properties changes hands each year, so it is very difficult to plan to everyone's satisfaction with such a shifting population.

The rumoured CNR yards, if they mature in our township, would certainly require, and receive, strong leadership in protecting our people's interests. However, up to the present, it has been impossible to ascertain from any quarter, anything definite. Further efforts will continue to be made in this respect.

The problem of water supply has become increasingly important in most areas during the last two years. Our present water area in the first concession has been reasonably accompanied by its obstacles and problems. It is quite apparent that this supply which is abundant, must be made available to more users, whether it be done by the development of certain areas, which is most desirable but if not, then by the area residents themselves. This problem will be tackled without delay.

An adequate water supply in March is at present in the engineering stage with continual surveys being made in other parts of the township. The Pine Grove area is being served from the Woodbridge system.

The house numbering in Concession 1 is progressing satisfactorily and householders in that area will be informed shortly of the number. They will be required to supply their own design of number and except where an error has been made, the number issued will be final and official.

Administration covers a wide area, and in essence is the operation of each department funnelled into one at the top. Administration immediately brings to my mind the township employees. It is my submission that employees are required to give sincere and conscientious service and co-operate with their elected chairman, accepting authority and dispensing it when and where they are so authorized. In return, they should expect, and receive, salaries commensurate with their duties and co-operation and understanding from their elected employees. It will be my aim to see that this shall be.

Before our two year term has expired, I shall ask council to consider a few aspects of elections. Although it is entirely the individuals' responsibility to see that he has a vote and is listed and also to know where and when he may vote, there is always a few who fail to do so. Some form of advance information should be considered. I will advocate an advance poll and shall ask council to consider Saturday voting.

A standing invitation is extended to all school principals to make arrangements to have their pupils tour the township building and attend a council session. It would be nice if the pupils brought their parents.

In co-operation with the Federal and Provincial governments, your council has set out a winter work program to create employment during these off season months. The cost will be shared — 50 per cent by the Dominion, 25 per cent by the Province and 25 per cent by the Township.

Vaughan Fed. Of Agric. '58 Report

The Vaughan Township Federation of Agriculture held six member meetings and four executive meetings in 1958. Features of the meeting were slides and films on the local flower bed competition, landscaping and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

A work meeting was held to complete the farm numbering system, which is now in operation and assists in police, fire and the general location of properties.

Assistance was given with the vote on wheat and hogs.

Miss Mimi Walter of Folly Farm broke her ankle while tobogganing on Sunday and will have to have a cast on it for the next eight weeks. All her friends are sorry to hear of her accident and regret Mimi won't be able to skate and slide for awhile.

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Edgeley Ratepayers Elect Jim Ash

Jim Ash was elected to the Board of Trustees of Edgeley Public School at the annual ratepayers meeting last week. He succeeded Alex Hunter who had completed his three year term on the board. Jim Darlington and George Snider are also trustees. Mr. Darlington is chairman and Allan Smith is secretary of the board.

The inspector's report showed that Edgeley Public School is rated First Class in all the categories.

A little trouble was experienced with the school water supply last year, but the health report submitted at the meeting indicated that the water situation is now satisfactory.

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1958 A Year Of Marketing Plans President States In His Address

In his presidential address, Harry R. Ferguson of York County Federation of Agriculture, said that the past year has been very busy for all in the organization, one which we might term as a year of marketing plans.

During the past year, York County Federation of Agriculture has supported two commodity groups with their marketing plans. In January the wheat producers were assisted and in July the hog producers were helped with their plan.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the work of the federation seems to be broadening out and taking in new fields, which he believed were brought about by the changing times. There are new problems arising from time to time which confront the farmer and cause him much concern.

We, here in York County, adjacent to the Metropolitan Toronto area, get the brunt of higher taxation through unequal school taxation and land assessment, the acquisition of land for roads, hydro, pipelines, railways and public works. These and the many other problems will require plenty of study and thought in the near future, Mr. Ferguson said.


The outbreak of rabies in the county this past summer has presented a problem. The federation met with the Agricultural Committee of York County and were enabled to present a strong demand for government assistance for those affected. And also a request for compensation to farmers who have lost livestock through rabies infection.

Mr. Ferguson expressed his appreciation to the members and board of York County Federation for their assistance and co-operation in the past year. For one to follow in the footsteps of two stalwarts like Frank Marritt and Frank Brumwell is no easy task, still he felt that they were always ready to give guidance.

He felt they were very fortunate to have the secretary fieldman, Mr. Fred Wicks, who can combine a great knowledge of federation work with the enthusiasm to help other people.

Mr. David Crone, assistant field man, attended the Rural Life Training Conference at Vineland and is now bringing this experience to the federation. These two men are a very valuable team working for York County farmers, Mr. Ferguson stated.

Harry Ferguson was re-elected president for 1958.


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