

"C.N.R. To Meet Public" - Perry

"Oh! The Railway's Going Thru The Middle Of My House"

Theme Suggested After Owners See Council

A delegation of 35 members of the newly formed Markham-Vaughan United Ratepayers' Association appeared before Vaughan Township Council on Thursday evening last week to ask for "Strong leadership from our elected council, and Vaughan's stand on the proposed plans of the C.N.R."

A vice-chairman of the group, J. R. Hubbard of Vaughan, opened the hour and a half long session by asking, "What has council in mind as regards a meeting along information lines, for the people in our area?"

Deputy-reeve Vic Ryder, who chaired the meeting in the absence of the reeve, said Mr. Perry had asked him to tell the ratepayers the C.N.R. officials would like to show films on the operations of its marshalling yards and to explain by word and pictures the true situation before all ratepayers concerned at a public meeting. This would not be an open meeting, but representatives of those attending would have the opportunity at a later date ("a week later" was quoted) to meet in the council chambers with C.N.R. representatives, when questions would be answered, "at that time".

Councillor Anstey advised there was no sense getting into a hassle, that they must ask intelligent questions and they would get intelligent answers. It would be strictly an information meeting, "Not like the one at Thornhill, and I think we'll get much further this way," he said.

Mr. Hubbard asked what council felt about the yard, to which Mr. Ryder replied, "We are here to represent the majority of the people in the township. The C.N.R. claims it hurts the least number of people in the township in the area chosen." When Mr. Hubbard asked why the line could not be moved further north, Mr. Ryder said it would not service Toronto, if it was too far away. Councillor Anstey said "We have no details or data as yet and have asked them that in the interests of the people they could move certain things to certain areas for the benefit of the people, and they have promised to study our suggestions."

A ratepayer asked if Vaughan Council had asked them to "get it out!" To which Councillor Anstey replied there are 15,000 people in Vaughan Township "and we have only the views of 500 so far. At this stage of the game I have not enough information to say whether I am for it or against it. We have a map showing where it is going but that is not enough information to say whether it is good or bad."

Another ratepayer exclaimed indignantly, "We know where it is going! That is why we ask if Vaughan Council really wants it!" Councillor Anstey continued, "I would like to know how much assessment it is going to mean to the township; how many buildings, etc.; over-passes, the number of cars. They have intimidated there will be 1,000 people employed." At this the ratepayer said, "It is our understanding the railroad and yards will carry 6,000 cars daily." When this ratepayer said Markham Planning Board was not for it Councillor

sue, when Deputy-Reeve Wilfred Dean was the only dissenter to the plan.

Deputy-reeve Ryder said Vaughan Council feels the C.N.R. should be allowed to show their operations, on film. "We have already asked for certain changes and they are under consideration."

Again a ratepayer broke in, to say this time, "You tell us one thing and then tell us something opposite. You tell us one thing," to Mr. Ryder, "and Mr. Anstey tells another."

Mr. Ryder: "I would like to ask why you want it thrown out?"

Mr. Madden: "Because they have been planning this secretly for two years and I don't care if it's good or bad, I don't want it."

Mr. Madden said property would depreciate around the railway, to which Mr. Ryder replied that in Etobicoke homes next to the railway haven't depreciated. Another ratepayer stated that Central Mortgage won't lend money to a home owner within 500 yards of a railway.

Mr. Jackson Taylor, a member of the school board for School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan, who was present at the meeting, said that two schools in the vicinity of the proposed line will have to be moved and that there are five schools in the area. Mr. Ryder then said he believed the line is being moved to take care of this. "There may be one school effected but if they move the line, how about other people who will be effected?"

A man answered, "It should be moved right out of the township. We would like to see the council take the lead in seeing what"

Wants C.N.R. To Change Route

(Continued from Page 1) turn down anything we do."

Metro Planning Board's representative from Markham, Mr. Cy Laurin, was present and explained his position to the ratepayers. He contended he had voted with the Metro Board in a unanimous request that meetings be set up to study the proposed plan of the C.N.R. by Mr. Murray Jones of the planning board, in conjunction with the municipalities involved. (He spoke also of a meeting planned for April 14, which Mr. H. J. A. Chambers of the Markham-Vaughan Ratepayers' Committee will attend with C.N.R. officials.)

He stated he had asked at the time of the official announcement of the location why it could not be further north. He said he had been told it couldn't go north due to gradients."

Mr. Laurin believed Mr. Brennan's statement that Mr. J. L. Carr of the C.N.R. had expressed the desire for a satisfactory solution to the various problems arising across the proposed route, was the indication of some better solution to the matter as well as Markham Township Council co-operation, as declared tonight. Mr. Laurin also pointed out "the first and second concessions of Vaughan Township are hurt just as much as we are. The reasons should be made public if they don't change the route," contended Mr. Laurin.

Objections from North A gentleman present from the more northern part of the township asked "What industrial area to the north do you have in mind?" He indicated there would be vigorous objection "to the north" if the rail route were placed there.

Mr. Laurin commented, "Farmers might object too if their farms are split in half."

A number of ratepayers hooted at this, stating "not at the prices we hear they are getting." Councillor McConnell stated one farmer had informed him he had a week to decide whether or not to sell at \$20,000.00 an acre for six acres.

Some ratepayers expressed skepticism at Toronto press reports one farm in the area proposed for the marshalling yard had been sold for \$400,000.00. Urge Telegram to Hees Mr. T. Clements of Doncaster urged Federal Transport Minister George Hees be telegraphed immediately and asked in the name of all those present "not to sign a private bill authorizing construction of the proposed C.N.R. rail route." Reeve Clark said he understood it would be some time, perhaps a year, before the bill would come up. Mr. Clements pressed for immediate action. "He, (Donald Gordon, C.N.R. President), might slip something through."

It was suggested Reeve Clark go to Ottawa to personally protest the location. Reeve Clark suggested Mr. J. Binch, a lawyer of the Markham-Vaughan Ratepayers' Committee, might be a better choice of advocate.

Councillor S. Watson wanted A. A. Mackenzie, the member of the provincial legislature for this area, also be sent a letter protesting the present location of the route.

Reeve Clark several times mentioned he believed alternative routes to suggest to the C.N.R. personnel was of first importance.

Mr. Robert Cameron of the joint Markham-Vaughan Ratepayers' Central Committee expressed pleasure on having Reeve Clark

value the road and yard is giving to Vaughan. We think it's up to council to do this."

Vice chairman (Markham) D. K. Jackson asked what possible good could come to Vaughan Township. "The people are asking why is Vaughan Council sitting back and doing nothing?"

Mr. Ryder: "I wonder what the possible industrial advantage will be?" Then he advised, "The C.N.R. doesn't look for industry — industry looks for railway locations."

Councillor Ralph joined the debate to state, "You people are here tonight objecting to the railway, and ask for action in preventing the railway coming in. There is also another aspect — how many people are in favour of ousting the railway?"

"I think the meeting planned, with various representatives of the ratepayers preparing briefs and then asking for council's support, will help. I will guarantee you my support if there are enough people in that area who do not wish the railroad and who will attend the meeting."

Referring to the many times in the past Vaughan Council has sought to uphold the wishes of the majority of ratepayers, Councillor Anstey referred to the battle of the pipeline when Vaughan Council opposed such a measure — but it still went through. He implied this might happen with the railway too.

Councillor Bryson remarked that "We have to keep an open mind. After all these things are all part of progress in our country." He spoke of hydro lines poles or lines on the property of people who didn't want them, other people would be without light. "This caused an irate ratepayer from Able to explode, "I hate that word — Progress!"

Laughs followed another man's remark, "We all want progress but I don't want it to go right through my back yard." The consensus of the ratepayers' opinions were that "A marshalling yard for any town is bad — period."

The United Ratepayers intend to canvass for a \$50,000 fund in order to fight the railway and will take it to C. A. Cathers, federal representative in this area.

Others said it would need a George Hees or John Diefenbaker to carry weight. Mr. Ryder said, "We are just a little bit sorry that Metro is over all of us here" (in authority).

The delegation closed its debate following Mr. Jackson's plea, "I want you to get that railway to go right through my house or get it out altogether. I will buy a home somewhere else."

The secretaries of each group then left their names and addresses with Clerk McDonald, to be notified of the meeting date with the C.N.R. and then the delegates adjourned.

Following a fifteen minute recess the board reconvened for regular council business with Reeve Perry in the chair.

Celebrates 100th Birthday



MRS. WILLIAM SORLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bales, residents of Richmond Hill for the past 37 years, joined many relatives in celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Wm. Sorley (nee Marian Ross) who was 100 years old on Tuesday, April 7th.

Mrs. Sorley, who was born at Fairbank on Dufferin St., now lives at 21 Glenogrove Avenue, Toronto, has been a widow for 60 years and has been blind for the past five years, but does not allow this to interfere with her otherwise very active existence. Last Thursday she attended a luncheon in her honour at the Granite Club given by her long time friend Miss Helena Curry. Friends attending the luncheon were: Mrs. G. A. Vicars, Mrs. Ennis Hartin, Mrs. A. M. Bowater and Mrs. J. A. Bales.

Mrs. Sorley's parents, Phillip Ross and Hannah Bales were married in St. John's Anglican Church, York Mills, on June 20th, 1847, and she is now the third concubine in her family. An aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Bales-Powell, passed the 100 mark and an uncle, John Bales, reached 104 years.

The surprise birthday party at her home was attended by Mrs. Joseph Bales, Rev. and Mrs. Egerton Young, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGregor, Mr. J. H. Bales, Mr.

and Mrs. Dalton Bales, Mr. Earl Bales, Mr. J. Bales, Mr. Douglas Bales, Mr. and Mrs. David Hill, Mr. & Mrs. Darrel Goulding, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, Miss Helena Curry, Miss Betty Murphy, Mrs. C. P. Johns, Mrs. Bryce, Mr. and Mrs. Broderick, Mr. and Mrs. L. Willis, Miss Tannis Malabar, Mrs. J. B. Armour, Archdeacon McCollum of St. Johns' Park Mills, Miss E. McCracken, Miss Sidney Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Godfrey, Mr. G. Vicars, Miss Mary Vicars, Miss Marian Bales, Mr. Graeme Bales and Mr. Allan Bales. Hostesses on this auspicious occasion were: Mrs. G. J. Vicars, Mrs. Douglas Bales, Mrs. Earl Bales, Mrs. John Bales and Mrs. Allan Bales.

The house was gaily decorated with a profusion of flowers, cards and telegrams from literally hundreds of friends with a special place of honour being given to a cablegram of best wishes from Her Majesty the Queen, and telegrams of congratulations from Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Mayor Nathan Phillips.

"The Liberal" joins with Mrs. Sorley's many friends and relatives in wishing her continued good health and many happy birthdays to come.

St. Paul's and Maple Presbyterian Churches Call New Minister

Members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Maple and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 7th Concession of Vaughan Monday evening, voted to issue a call to Rev. B. F. Andrew of Hanover, and Ayton, to accept the two pulpits open since last October.

Fifty-six members and adherents were present at St. Paul's for the congregational meeting under the chairmanship of Interim-Moderator, Rev. Robert Manning of High Park Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Rev. Manning will present the call to Tuesday evening's session of West Toronto Presbytery at Bolton Presbyterian Church.

Appearing on behalf of the call will be Mrs. J. Kingsburgh of Maple, president of the W.A. and W.M.S. of St. Andrew's, Mr. Gordon Ingram, member of the Board of Managers, Mr. Archie Cameron, Clerk of Session, and others.

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Birthday greetings are extended to Linda Garvey, Henderson Ave., who celebrated her third birthday on Sunday, April 5.

Birthday congratulations are in order for Diane and Dorothy Gain of 26 Henderson Ave., who celebrated their sixth birthday on Wednesday, April 8.

The Henderson Ave. Public School Home and School Association will meet on Monday, April 13, at the school.

The highest score so far in the Doncaster Community Ladies' Club's euchre marathon which got underway this week, was turned in by Mrs. H. Morrison and Mrs. Martin.

Regarding the railway situation, the Doncaster Ratepayers Association will hold a public meeting at the Thornhill Public School on Friday, April 10 at 8 p.m. Henderson School is not available.

Coaches Bill Menzies and Dave Barbour of the Thornhill and District Hockey Club house league are proud of their champion teams after the play-offs last Sunday at Aurora. Bill piloted his junior squad through the whole season, undefeated. His son, Bill Jr. was the president of the champion Red team. Mr. Clow's White team was the runner-up in the junior division.

Dave Barbour's Yellow team, in the intermediate play-offs, upset the highly favoured Green team of Bob Mason, also of Doncaster. The Greens were previously undefeated.

Visiting Sandra Richardson, 43 Clarke Ave., during the Easter holidays was Gerry Stewart, 11, of Toronto.

MARKHAM: There is one less "big, bad wolf" roaming the wilds just north of Markham Village. Big Chief Ronald Fincham, an D.H.S. student who lives just north of the village fired the shot that laid low the marauder. He was accompanied by his younger brother Neil in the hunting expedition.

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Now, I'm not suggesting that you can't buy a used car in the city. You can . . . and you can buy a good one if you know what you are buying. But to buy a car in the city, you should know quite a bit about used cars . . . and on some of the lots that deal in used cars only, you have to know some of the tricks that some dealers can pull to make a car look and sound better than it usually is.

When you come right down to it, the best place to buy a used car is from a new car dealer. And when you live in a smaller town, you are in a good position to know the reputation of each dealer in the town. In a town like ours, your new car dealer HAS to live up to his reputation . . . even on his used cars.

In fact, many of the used cars we sell are cars that we sold new, serviced, then took in on trade. Even when you pay a little more, those are the best buys. And when we take in a car of a different make, we really give it a going over. Do you know what we do with the used cars we are not sure of? We wholesale them to the city lots!

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CIVIL DEFENCE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Warden of the County of York, announces the appointment of Mr. Marshall McMurchy as Civil Defence Co-ordinator for the County.

The position has been made vacant due to the resignation of Mr. John Perry, Reeve of the Township of Vaughan. Mr. Perry stated that a full time co-ordinator is required and a reappointment was made at his request.

J. L. SMITH, CLERK, COUNTY OF YORK.

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