

Crime Increase In Vaughan —

(Continued from page 1) and much mud. The main road is a dangerous hazard to school children so that they tend to use this muddy portion. Should they slip and fall into the gully they get wet and this in turn is detrimental to health and must be most uncom-

fortable. Members and staff of the Home and School Association were greatly concerned. The area in wet weather Mrs. Maslin described as a sea of water and mud. It is all slippery slime she stated. Uplands is a mess of potholes and a driver however careful cannot avoid all the holes and children are frequently splashed. If it occurs when children are going to school they must remain in the uncomfortable wet clothing which is detrimental to their health. On the other hand if it occurs when children are going home for lunch the parents may not always have a clean change of clothing available. This is an unhappy situation which the Home and School Association hoped Council could do something to remedy. Various Solutions The Association made three suggestions for the possible solution: (a) Sodding of the area from the school fence to the road. (b) Providing of a sidewalk on the north of Shasta Drive. (c) Paving of Upland Road. Paving of the road and sodding combined would be ideal.

Thornhill Responsibility Councillor Anstey suggested that this was a responsibility of the Thornhill Trustees but said he wondered if Council could not extend themselves in this matter. The Reeve asked, "Why?" "We have so many of these problems and often when they are brought to us when they develop as someone else's responsibility." He complained that there were too many of this kind, and he could have no sympathy with them. Refer to Road Committee Deputy Reeve Vic Ryder said that he agreed with Councillor Anstey and suggested the matter be referred to the Road Committee to investigate. Reeve John Perry then agreed and said the investigation should be made with a view to rectifying the situation if possible.

Trustees Failure The Deputy Reeve also suggested that a copy of the letter might be sent to the Thornhill Trustees. Councillor Anstey explained that there had been an earlier discussion and agreement with the Trustees and Vaughan Township had agreed to apply top soil if the trustees had the area graded. But so far the trustees had not carried out their agreement. Thus he thought this council should try to extend itself in the matter, as had now been agreed.

Asks Matter to Assist During this discussion on road condition, Reeve Perry stated that he thought the press could help council by making it known that all requests for road improvements should be received by Council before June. Once the estimates for the year had been made up and budgeting completed it was very difficult to consider any further applications which inevitably led to considerable dissatisfaction among ratepayers. Invitation to Ratepayers If there were people in any part of the township who thought they had a complaint or wished for improvements in the area they should take steps to inform council in good time, then their applications would receive every consideration and the necessary allocations could be made.

Town Clerk MacDonald wondered if it was wise to make public such an appeal on the grounds that it might bring a flood of requests which collectively would be outside the Council's financial capacity to deal with. The Reeve however insisted that he considered the press could render a public service by informing the

public in this matter. He stated that applications would be considered on their merits and those of the most pressing nature would receive the prior consideration. There had to be some order and not everyone would be satisfied but all should have an opportunity to be heard. This was the gist of his thought on the matter.

Better Now Than Late And it is better he suggested we receive a flood of requests to investigate in good time before we budget than to receive several pressing claims when it is already too late to make any allocation. Write Now! Thus readers of this newspaper living in the township area are advised most strongly to put any requests or complaints they have into writing at the earliest possible date and not later than June. This will ensure at least that their requests will receive due consideration without creating financial embarrassment to the Council.

Reeve Perry suggested the Road Committee should confer with Councillor W. Anstey to investigate. The Councillor has some fantastic ideas we shall have to curb he said jokingly, "but they are all good."

Council Should Do More Continuing discussion on the state of township roads Deputy Reeve Ryder said that Council should do more to improve the roads. Councillor Anstey supported adding that he thought council should clamp down to conserve finances in every possible way to enable more to be spent on road improvement. The Deputy Reeve added that the Ontario Highway Dept. were doing less and less and is "forcing us into a position where we are going to have to invest in roads." The Reeve agreed.

Half Million Dollars "We are spending \$50,000 a year on dust laying with no end to it," added the Deputy Reeve. "A half million dollars will be spent in this way during the next five years the way we are going," he declared and "we are throwing the money out of the window with no permanent benefit." The Reeve agreed that Council should investigate "to save on dust laying and have more roads."

Clerk Gave Out Some Impressive Figures The Clerk gave out some impressive figures for which council already had to budget, including Thornhill roads, additions to School area board buildings, the Westcott subdivision and other heavy expenditures. Discussing the CNR Reeve Perry suggested Council should be able to obtain compensation when expenses were incurred as a direct consequence of CNR operations in the district. Water overflow was one potential extra expense. "Where do we stand?" he asked the Clerk who said that would involve a legal issue. "Which of course brings in the lawyers who have to be paid," said the Reeve. "That is what you call full employment," chuckled Councillor Anstey.

An Onerous Step The subject of five Motels came up for discussion when the Clerk handed out a draft of a proposed new bylaw which would require motels to pave their driveways. Councillor Anstey thought this was "an onerous step." He was supported by Deputy Reeve Ryder. Councillor Ralph said he would favor it if the word "require" was substituted by the word "suggest." Reeve Perry was inclined to accept the proposed bylaw and the Clerk said he thought it was in line with the general requirement already laid on this type of establishment to retain a neat and clean appearance etc. It was finally agreed that a suggestion rather than a requirement should be made to the motels.

Co-ordinating Committee On the subject of the Co-ordinating Committee on which the township is represented with Richmond Hill and Markham, Council were advised the next meeting would be held on Wednesday at Markham Municipal offices and the Deputy Reeve and Councillor Anstey indicated they would be attending.

Ambulance Committee The Reeve indicated he was interested to set up a committee to investigate possibility of establishing an ambulance service. Deputy Reeve Vic Ryder made a motion which was seconded by Councillor Anstey and carried that such a committee should be set up. Councillors Ralph and Anstey agreed to serve on the committee.

Council Office Equipment The Clerk brought up question of Council Office equipment particularly in connection with need for a new adding machine. The Reeve stated that he believed in buying where there was a need. Cost of a suitable machine would be \$650. The purchase was approved on motion of Councillor Anstey and seconded by the Deputy Reeve.

This led on to the question of the furnishing of the committee room Councillor Anstey declared the present furniture "must be forty years old." Reeve Perry added that "We spend half our lives in that room" and added that it was not very presentable into which to introduce important guests. With unanimous concurrence of the Council the Clerk was authorized to investigate and report to Councillor Ralph on the refurbishing of the committee room. It was suggested further that some of the present furniture might prove suitable for use by the Planning Dept.

Toward the close of the Council meeting, Reeve Perry advised that there was no formal opening of council for 1960 (as reported in these columns last week) because the Council had been elected for a two year term, and were simply entering at the beginning of 1960 on their second year term. The Reeve's humor is infectious. His high mark for this council meeting was reached when he declared at one point during the evening, "Council have not the authority to put everybody's diapers on."

Markham Building Permits Show Healthy 41-59 Ratio

Mr. F. H. Brennan, chairman of the Township of Markham Planning Board, in his annual report for 1959 discloses that commercial and industrial building in the township is showing a steady, healthy rise. Last year it rose to 40.5% as compared to new residential building of 59.5 per cent.

During 1959 building permits were issued as follows:
Residential Buildings
83 New Dwellings \$983,350.00
37 Addns & Alterations to Dwellings 120,350.00
59 New Accessory Buildings 81,460.00
7 Additions & Alterations to Accessory Buildings 2,950.00
4 Renewals of Residential Building Permits \$1,188,110.00
Public Buildings
2 New Buildings \$151,450.00
3 Additions to Public Buildings 48,000.00
Total \$199,450.00

Commercial & Industrial Bldgs.
28 New Buildings \$730,600.00
21 Additions & Alterations to Com. Bldgs. 67,250.00
19 Sign Permits 13,410.00
8 Gasoline Storage Tank & Pump Instal. 2,200.00
7 Renewals of Permits
1 Permit Cancelled \$819,460.00

279 Building Permits Issued
Total value of Bldgs. \$2,207,020.00
During the year 1959, 152 Septic Tank Permits were issued.

Markham Planning Board is composed of Chairman Brennan, members F. J. Brumwell, H. J. Sissons, S. Richardson, A. Maynard; Councillor L. Mumberson and Reeve W. L. Clark. Mr. Ron Forrest is Director of Planning for the township.

The whole of the Township of Markham has been designated an

area of Subdivision control since 1948, and therefore any subdivision of land must either receive the consent of the Planning Board or approval of a registered plan of subdivision, dependent on the number of lots involved. Applications approved 116
Applications refused 18
Applications for Registered Plan of Subdivision: Applications draft approved - 6 subdivisions - 643 lots
Applications refused - 1 subdivision - 21 lots

Amendments to the Official Plan Three amendments to the Official Plan of the Township were applied for and approved. They are as follows:
No. 11 - A Highway Commercial Zone having 1,400' frontage on No. 7 Highway at Unionville.
No. 12 - Canadian Bank of Commerce, Unionville.
No. 13 - To open a large severed development area in the south-west corner.

Three applications, two of which were for service stations were refused.
Zoning By-laws Two major zoning by-laws were prepared by the Board and approved by Council. They were:
No. 1728 - Industrial Area, Highway No. 48.
No. 1767 - Residential By-law - Yonge Street, Bayview Avenue and Steeles Avenue area.

Three minor amendments were also approved.
Industrial Applications: The Board approved the following applications for new industries during the year: Richvale Block Work Centre; Assinck Brothers - Steel Fabricating; Norden Building Products - Wood Manufacturing; J. Kittask - Wood Manufacturing; Ratcliff Bros. - Lumber Yard and Showroom; Onway Limited - Asphalt Plant; Boosey & Hawkes - Musical Instruments & Sheet Music.

Metro Planning Board: The Township Planning Area is subsidiary to the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Area and therefore all subdivisions, zoning, etc. applications require the approval of the senior board. Since 1955 all proposed subdivision development in the south west corner of the township has been frozen and the Metropolitan Toronto Board has steadfastly refused to permit development. This year the board felt that development was required in the southern section of the water area in order to spread the tax load more evenly, and placed its case before the Metro Planning Board. The monthly meetings of that Board were attended by members in April, May, June, October, and November, and finally the development area was approved and released.

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Three parents of St. Luke's Separate School pupils attended and asked the board to allow just over 20 pupils to continue riding a school bus. It was pointed out the board had no knowledge until just recently that elementary pupils were using the bus, and that as the bus accommodation was needed for secondary students, it was impossible for the board to come to any contractual agreement.

Some students have been reported by their parents as hitchhiking to Thornhill high school because their designated bus was crowded with elementary students Mr. Ashworth reported. He said along some of the way the bus is not filled but by the time it reaches its destination it should be filled with students who have a legal right to ride the bus. If the board makes any financial arrangement with the parents to take the elementary children on the bus its grant from the province would be jeopardized, it was learned.

Last June York Central District High School Board passed a motion stating that if a student who has reached the age of 16 years has failed a grade twice he is to be readmitted to the district secondary schools only at the board's discretion. Trustee E. Axelson was happy to report Monday evening to the board that two students so readmitted to Richmond Hill High School this fall seem to have profited by the board's decision and this quarter one had made an average of 75 per cent and the other over 60 per cent.

The stringency of the ruling says Trustee Axelson, "taken by the board has had a salutary effect on the whole school."

Trustee Axelson commented that "few of us seem to have the time to go."

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