

Thornhill and District News

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Regular Council Meeting

Vaughan Twp. Police Chief Asks Increase In Manpower

By PAUL DELMER
Vaughan Township's chief constable laid his annual report for 1959 before Council last Monday. He asked Council to increase his manpower by two. He recommended that at least two additional personnel be hired as probationary constables, and suggested that by the re-allocation of trained existing officers, a criminal investigation branch be established to undertake on a full-time basis further criminal investigations of crimes committed in the Township of Vaughan.

The chief constable's report showed a total of 4,039 occurrences took place in the township during the year. Vaughan police delivered a total of 1,278 summonses in 1959. The department investigated 460 criminal cases. 115 parking tags were issued. The department recovered a total of \$26,131 of stolen property plus cars and bicycles valued at an additional \$64,500. The report shows that of 23 vehicles stolen in the area, all were recovered. Of seventeen bicycles stolen, 14 were recovered.

Crime Has Increased
The chief constable told Council that the ratio of crime, accidents, fatalities both from traffic and other than traffic had increased considerably in the Township during 1959 as compared with 1958. This, together with added population building and occurrences, the police were frequently short-handed. Hence his request for an increase of personnel and for the setting up of a Criminal Investigation Branch.

Variety of Crimes
Of the 460 criminal cases investigated, one was for attempted rape, 12 for fraud, 173 theft, 47 false pretences 153 breaking and entering 2 armed holdups, 23 impaired driving, 1 drunk driving, 4 indecent assault, 2 attempted suicides, 26 malicious damage, 13 indecent exposure and 3 for forgery.

Insecure Premises
The report shows a variety of other activities from the number of arrests made, fingerprinting, to compassionate messages delivered. Two hundred and thirty-nine establishments were checked nightly and during the year 118 premises were found insecure. The police lost only 96 hours because of sickness.

No Reports
The chief constable points out that of the 278 dwellings put under the surveillance of the Police Department during the year, while some were found insecure, there were no reports from the occupants upon their return of any entries made to the premises by unauthorized persons.

Comment Reserved
Council reserved comment on the report for the next council meeting to give members an opportunity to study it in detail.

Waterworks Report Deferred
Councillor B. M. Ralph laid a report of the Vaughan Township Waterworks Department on which he is chairman, before Council but it was decided to consider this report at the next Council meeting.

Ratepayers Question Council
A considerable controversy arose between ratepayers from the Richvale area and the Council on the question of payment for water meters. The Township

has decided that the residents of the Richvale area must pay twenty dollars each for provision and installation of meters. Mr. Browley speaking for the residents and armed with a copy of the appropriate bylaw, told the council the charge did not have the support of the bylaw. He said that Hydro does not charge for its meters. To this Councillor J. M. Anstey said, "Hydro has made a lot of money." With the exception of Councillor J. M. Bryson all council members joined in the controversy with the ratepayers.

Council Accused
Mr. Jeffrey Kosmo of Crestwood Road said that he considered Council's decision "arbitrary" and that it was not in accordance with the by-law. To all arguments put forward by the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors he replied, "It is not covered by the bylaw."

Increased Rates Alternative
Reeve Perry said that the meters had to be paid for. Supported by other members of Council he said that if such a charge was not made then a rate would have to be levied. This would cost more in the long run. "It's better to pay a dollar today than two dollars tomorrow," he suggested. Councillor Ralph and Councillor Anstey thought council's decision the fairest that was possible in the circumstances.

Ratepayers Not Convinced
The ratepayers concluded by thanking Council for its explanations but re-iterated their view that they still could not agree with Council. They complained they would actually be buying meters they would not own.

Minimum Lot Correction
During the evening Councillor Ralph pointed out that in connection with the discussion last week when on his motion the minimum lot size for industry was reduced, the original minimum against which he complained was of 45 thousand square feet and not 45 hundred and that the 45 thousand square foot requirement has now been reduced to 25 thousand.

Drainage Complaints
Mr. Jeffrey Kosmo supported by others of the area complained bitterly about a drainage problem he has been trying to get Council to do something about for years. He said water was a foot and a half deep on his property. He said a neighbour had built up his land across a natural watercourse which was an act against the law. He suggested Council must bear responsibility for issuing a building permit.

Reeve Perry disclaimed Council responsibility, saying that it was a matter as between neighbour and neighbour. If a neighbour built so as to cause inconvenience or damage to a neighbour then the neighbour who was the victim of the act could take action at law. Mr. Kosmo however insisted he thought the Township could be held responsible. Mr. Ralph finally said he would be glad to investigate and to have the township engineer do likewise. Mr. Kosmo indicated he had not much faith in this because he had had promises before but nothing had been done. Councillor Ralph however repeated he would be glad to in-

vestigate.

CNR Crossing Protection
The Clerk to the Township, Mr. J. M. MacDonald read a letter from the Transport Commission in Ottawa advising that a representative would visit the township to inspect the CNR level crossing at Dufferin and Steeles for the purpose of establishing protection requirements. It was requested Council have the representative met.

Court of Revision
Council decided to retire into committee to compile a list of people who might be nominated to sit on the Court of Revision to be held February 29 and March 3. Reeve to Co-Ordinating Committee

Reeve Perry said he hoped to attend the next meeting of the Inter-municipal Co-ordinating Committee. All members of Council were present and nine ratepayers attended the meeting in the public gallery.

The sixteen items on the agenda were disposed of in 75 minutes.

THORNLEA

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Mrs. Mary McQueen had her brother, Paratrooper Bud McGuinness visiting with her and her family. Paratrooper McGuinness is attached to the 62nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army, Fort Birch, North Carolina, and is spending a 20-day leave here.

We are sorry to hear that Heather and Michael McQueen have been sick with whooping cough. We hope they will soon be back to normal.

Birthday greetings to Donna Palmer, No. 7 Highway, who celebrated her 21st birthday on February 13.

School News
Thornlea Junior Boys hockey team met Ross Doan in a game at Richmond Hill on Friday, February 12, and came up victorious with a score of 3-0.

Grades 2 and 3 in charge of Miss Ropac visited Stouffville Youth Centre on Thursday, February 4, to make a recording of several songs which was broadcast over CJRH on Saturday, February 6, on "Your Children Sing."

Home & School
The Home and School Association are still collecting those Canada Packers' Labels so please check if you have any tucked away and forgotten, also ask your friends and neighbours. We are still quite a long way from our goal and we need your help.

Thornhill Notes

Holy Trinity Anglican Church
On Sunday, February 21st, at the 11 a.m. service at Holy Trinity Anglican Church there will be a service of public baptism of children and a parade of Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts in observance of "Thinking Day."

There will also, at this service be the dedication of a Scout Flag. In the evening, at 7 p.m. there will be a special service for young people at which the speaker will be Dr. Jacob Jocz, the Director of the Nathaniel Institute in Toronto. Dr. Jocz will speak on Christian relationships with Jewish people. Following the service, there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask the speaker questions.

Hoy Trinity W. A.
The regular meeting of the Trinity W. A. was held Thursday afternoon, February 11th, with the Past President, Mrs. G. Howe conducting the meeting. Mrs. G. McLean read the study book on Africa and Mrs. Herbinson outlined the map. Rev. Askew showed a film on Africa and the group was interested to learn that one fifth of the world's people are Africans. There were particularly interested to see Miss Thelma Hoare of Toronto in the film, as she is one of the missionaries which the W. A. sponsors.

Rev. Askew closed the meeting with a prayer and tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Clemens, Miss Henderson and Mrs. R. Healey. The next regular meeting will be on February 25th.

Thornhill Presbyterian Church
Thornhill Presbyterian Church is now well into its "Missionary Month" during which the work of the various mission fields sponsored by the Church will be presented. On Sunday, February 7th, Dr. Donald Wade of Concord, opened the series when he spoke at the morning service on his work in Formosa. He used the Bible story of the woman at the well in Samaria to introduce his theme and related this story to the Christian's responsibilities to his personal experiences in Formosa and in the East. At the evening service, the same day, Mr. Alec Joshua, a native of Jhansi, India, spoke, telling of his Christian background and family life in India as well as outlining the tremendous work accomplished by the Church in India, in spite of difficulties. He illustrated his work with slides of India and the work being done there.

On Sunday, February 14th, Rev. Clair McGill addressed the congregation and outlined his work with the mountain people of Formosa, the T'yal people. Rev. McGill is now on furlough after spending five and a half years engaged primarily in Bible translations. Later in the day, he spoke to the Sunday School and in the evening talked to the Young Adults and showed them slides.

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Thornhill Presbyterian Church W. M. S.
On Thursday, February 4th, a record group of 20 ladies of the W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Fred Porter and heard Miss Ruth Vendall speak about her work among the Chinese Presbyterian Churches in Canada.

The Board of Managers of Thornhill Presbyterian Church met at the Church on Monday, February 8th for the election and induction of officers. The meeting was chaired by Mr. John Mavor and the following new members were elected for the coming year: Chairman, John MacKay; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Earl Patton; Secretary, Mr. George Mowat. Rev. Chambers then installed the eight new members who were elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting.

Thornhill United Church
In what was probably the fiercest gale of the winter, over 200 people came out Sunday evening, February 14th to see the

film on Martin Luther. The Church was happy to welcome groups from Holy Trinity Anglican, Baptist and the Presbyterian Church in Thornhill, as well as some from Bayview, Yorkminster and Newtonbrook, United Churches. So great was the response to this fine film, that it was arranged to show it again at some future date, possibly in the Fall.

Next Sunday evening, February 21st, a film will be shown dealing with Billy Graham's London Crusade. This film deals briefly with the history of the Church in England, shows just how a Crusade is organized and then gives about 15 minutes of one evening of the Crusade.

W. A. Meetings
Group 1 of Thornhill United Church W. A. met at the home of Mrs. T. W. Brown on Tuesday, February 9th. Mrs. Muriel Weaving opened the meeting with the devotional and then turned the meeting over to the new Group Leader, Mrs. Jean Simpson. The Secretary, Mrs. Betty Hedrick read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Simpson gave the heart-felt thanks of the group to Mrs. Weaving for her hard work over the past year. The ladies then discussed at some length possible new projects for the group, but a final decision was not reached. They also discussed several items from the W. A. General Executive meeting. The Ladies present then enjoyed the delicious refreshments served by the hostesses, Mrs. M. Weaving and Mrs. Verna Pintel.

During the week, Group 4 of the W. A. met at the home of Mrs. Percy Bone, Yonge St. and Group 7 met at the home of Mrs. F. Maw, Thornbrank Rd. but this admittedly amateur sleuth was unable to track down any of these ladies to get a report on these meetings. What for a Press Secretary!

C. G. I. T.
The C. G. I. T. Bake Sale and Valentine Tea went off very smoothly on Saturday, February 13th and over 60 people enjoyed the tea served by the girls. All the girls worked like the traditional beavers, Jackie, Howard, Sheila Craig, Lee Davidson, Valerie Medcalf and Diane Floyd giving their all in the kitchen. The trim waitresses were Priscilla Mendoza, Susan Allan and Gail Walker. Elizabeth Duncan took the tickets at the door while the Touch-and-Take and Craft Table was presided over by Libby Phinnemore, Karen Whalley and Linda Fielding. Audrey Drake and Gail Butterfield were in charge of the bake table. The latter, by the way, was plentifully supplied with an scrumptious assortment of pies, cakes, rolls, tarts and cookies. The cookies were beautifully packaged in red heart-shaped boxes, made by the girls, and covered with Saran wrap and were most attractive.

At the Crafts table, the girls offered for sale bun baskets and coasters of plastic in foam, all of their own manufacture. Two ladies of the W. A. assisted the girls, Mrs. H. Craig who supervised the kitchen, and Mrs. R. Whalley, who spent the morning helping to ready things and price the baked goods. Of course the three C. G. I. T. leaders, Pat Harris, Mrs. L. Warnica and Mrs. A. Beckwith were busy running about in all directions. They are certainly to be commended on the fine job done by their girls.

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Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

The Thornhill pond is a busy place these days especially when the weather is favorable for skating. The ice may be as rough as a washboard but that is a small obstacle to the enthusiastic skater. I have often gone over there on a Sunday or holiday afternoon to watch the activities. Over in one section are the hockey boys scrambling madly about after an elusive puck. A handful of adults are carefully making their way about on seldom-used skates. I see the skating stars, the swift and sure of movement, skimming like birds from one end of the pond to the other.

Around the rim of the pond are the small children learning to get the feel of their skates. They fall and tumble about, sometimes hurting themselves, but they never give up.

Skating can be an art or just plain fun. Very few boys and girls will turn out to be champion figure skaters, but they can all learn to skate for the sheer enjoyment of it. The bumps and falls are all part of the game. Everyone must pass through these awkward first stages in order to acquire some degree of skill.

What a fine feeling of accomplishment it must be for the youngster who finally masters the art! At last he knows how to glide freely and easily about without fear of falling and without self-consciousness. What a double joy it is for the one who abandoned the flashing blades years ago, who longs to recapture that well-remembered feeling and goes back to skating again. Of course there may be the odd spill before you get the feel of the skates, but you haven't forgotten how. Anyway who cares about a little spill. It's fun to be skating again.

Key Man In Ont. Hydro Progress R. T. Jeffery Dies In 80th Year

Private funeral services were held from the Morley Bedford Chapel, Toronto for the late Richard Thomas Jeffery, Thornbrank Road, Thornhill who died on Monday, February 8, 1960 in his 80th year.

A key figure in Ontario Hydro development for 38 years, Mr. Jeffery was a consultant engineer with that company until his retirement in 1951. He was appointed municipal engineer for the Hydro's Niagara Falls system from 1941 until 1947 and continued as consultant until his retirement.

On the Board of Directors of the West End Y. M. C. A. and Metro Toronto Y. M. C. A. Board

of Governors, he was also a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, the Rotary Club, Rameses Temple, Delta Lodge A. F. and A. M. No. 634. He and his wife, the former Sue Smith, were members of Deer Park United Church, where he was an elder.

Surviving with his widow are two sons, Richard of Thornhill, William, Burlington, and a daughter (Leona), Mrs. W. Brennan of Toronto, and four grandchildren. Two brothers, the late John J. and Oscar W. Jeffery, predeceased him.

Interment was in Knox Cemetery, Vaughan Township.

School For Dogs Now At Thornhill

Well now Thornhill has everything. The latest addition to the educational facilities of the Village is an Obedience School for Dogs and now we could wish that attendance was compulsory, especially for the McLean Hound Dog.

Run by Miss Sue Radley, of the Poodle Studio, 2109 1/2 Yonge St., Toronto, the classes are held each Thursday evening in the York Farmers Market and are to show owners how to train their own dog to "be a gentleman" whatever its sex, we presume. The course lasts for 9 weeks, during which time the participants, both owners and dogs, are expected to come when called (oh happy day), walk at heel, sit, lie down and stay (put, we guess). At the end of the course a Graduation Night is held and the dogs who are felt to have profited most from the lessons, demonstrate what they have learned. Only dogs over eight months old are accepted for the course and they are said to show an amazing difference at the end of it. Forty-five owners and their dogs are registered, several local people among them - Mrs. Evelyn Everett and her Cairn of Westwood Lane, Mrs. W. D. Porter of Steeles Avenue East with her Dalmation, and Mrs. H. Mowder of Concord with her Daschund. Other participants come from Toronto, Langstaff, King, and several from Richmond Hill.

Miss Radley can't quite say how she developed her knack with dogs, but it all began with a most ill-behaved poodle she once owned. She was compelled to attend an Obedience School in order to manage it, and then took a second poodle to the same school. By this time, she was undertaking the training of dogs for her friends and after her graduation from the University of Toronto (not in poodle training) she opened her Poodle Studio in Toronto about a year and a half ago. Here she grooms all breeds of dogs, but specializes in

poodles, and sells various doggy accessories, as well as pups. She is the proud owner of a Black Standard Poodle, American and Canadian Champion, Bel Tor Joshua. She has a voice and manner, we may say, that would charm anyone let alone a poodle!

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