

James Hamilton Retires After 32 Years



tario Hospital, Whitby, which at that time had a "population" of 1,875 inmates. During the period of 12 years service at Whitby, he was associated with the late Drs. Forrester and Fletcher.

After service at the Ontario Hospital at St. Thomas, James Hamilton was transferred to the Jail Farm at Langstaff, and was then given charge of the Concord Unit, of which he was in charge, as Supervisor, for a period of 14 years, and when the City again took back the Farms he was transferred to the Ontario Hospital at Aurora, serving there until his recent retirement.

In "looking back" over his 32 years of service, Mr. Hamilton commented, "It has been a wonderful experience all through the years caring for the mentally ill.... I have made a number of friendships.... patients who have come under my care and are now restored to normal health. Have worked under a number of Superintendents, and never has been called on the carpet for neglect of work or otherwise. My motto in caring for the mentally ill is to be hard — and kind — and with co-operation from your staff to work with your patients and give them encouragement by means of Occupational Therapy, and to see that they are not abused or teased in any way. This I never did approve of, and of course is strictly against the rules and regulations.... It is indeed gratifying to meet a number of "good friends" — former patients that are well and happy on the streets of Toronto and elsewhere."

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have two daughters and one grandson, Donald Jim, are active members of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill. "Jim" Hamilton is a Past Master of Richmond Masonic Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 23. The many friends of "Jim" Hamilton undoubtedly wish him every success in realizing his ambitions — hobbies, gardening, and other activities in his "new life."

"Official retirement" from an active life of 32 years of continuous service with the Provincial Government, Friday, April 1st, 1960 really marked the beginning of a "second new life" for Mr. James Hamilton, resident of Richmond Hill for more than 20 years. Yes indeed, "Jim" has already made his second start with work in hand — starting right in on various projects, and it is his intention of building a new home this coming year for Mrs. Hamilton, himself, and family.

Coming from Northern Ireland to Canada in 1927, James Hamilton entered the service of the Ontario Department of Health in the beginning of 1928, and was a member of the staff at the On-

Three Mill Increase Vaughan H. School Levy

(by Paul Delmer)

Members of Vaughan Township Council exchanged bouquets with members of the public at Monday's Council meeting. Said Reeve John Perry, "It's a good turn-out tonight". He was referring to the public gallery. Eighteen people were seated in the gallery to watch the night's proceedings. "It's more than voted in the last election," added the reeve humorously. Ratepayers from the Normaple Road area told council they appreciated what was being done to relieve the distress they had suffered as a result of snow and flood. They hoped they would be able to get through to their homes by car within a week. The reeve replied that the residents of the area had shown a great deal of tolerance. He told them that some of them were luckier than one member of council, Councillor Jesse Bryson who has to leave his car in King Township and proceed to his home from there by tractor. Good humour reigned throughout the meeting with council and public on the best of terms.

Council is improving on its timing and the meeting commenced promptly at 8 p.m. as scheduled, and adjourned forty-five minutes later having dealt with the nine items on the shortest agenda of the year to date.

High School Levy Up

Clerk Jim MacDonald informed council that the high school district levy for 1960 would be \$287,000 up on last year's \$205,000. School population has increased and is one of main causes of the increase.

The levy represents a rate of three mills.

March Relief Costs

The Deputy Clerk, Ted Jackman told council that relief to families in the township during March had amounted to \$2353.20.

Children's Race Track

A delegation from Kart Track & Sales Company led by a Mr. Kaminski sought permission to establish a junior race track for children with small cars capable of speeds up to 30 m.p.h. Location proposed was a site fronting Langstaff area totalling ten acres. Council told the delegation this was a matter which should properly be presented to the Planning Board before it was brought to council. The board would have to consider the application and forward it to council with recommendations.

Council agreed to an application for the microfilming of Municipal records.

The subject of the proposed of council.

Hayhoe Well was again discussed. Reeve Perry asked Councillor Bruce Ralph to bring a progress report before Council at his next meeting. He raised a laugh in the chamber when he remarked, to Councillor Ralph who is chairman of the Water Committee, "If you want your name on a well this year, you must get on with it. It's an election year you know."

Highway 400 Access

Council passed a motion made by Deputy-Reeve Vic Ryder, seconded by Councillor Bryson authorizing discussions with the Department of Highways to suggest access roads onto Highway 400 from King Township at the 5th or 6th concessions, and provision for a half clover leaf on the Sherwood Side Road.

Councillor Ralph was also requested to provide a report in the matter of water supplies to Pine Bury Co-operative, for consideration at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Next Monday the planning board will meet in the council chamber at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed at approximately 8:30 p.m. by the regular council meeting. The planning board meeting is open to the public and all members of council have indicated they are delighted to see members of the public in attendance to watch proceedings of either the planning board or council.

Only Six People Attend —

(Continued from page 1) for a storm sewer had been received from residents on Lynett Crescent. There would be additional costs if curbs and road widening was desired.

The Works Commissioner said that other municipalities had faced similar problems. Much of the trouble arose from the fact the town had mushroomed so fast. He admitted there was an acute situation so far as Beverley Acres was concerned. But these were growing pains.

Works Chief Explains

Councillor Whillans called upon the Works Commissioner to explain how the situation was going to be corrected. Mr. Whalen then produced a large map and laying it out on the table in the Council Chamber where the meeting was being held, explained where the storm sewers would be located and demonstrated the total area which would be drained. He said the work would first be concentrated on providing the storm sewers, this would be followed later by construction of curbs and road widening to bring the roads up to first class standards. He said the open ditches on Crosby avenue would disappear.

Danger to Children

Mrs. Fraser then remarked that these ditches explained her own attendance. She thought they were dangerous to the children going to and from Crosby Public School and she asked if a guard could be provided to watch the children. Mr. Whalen said only that day he had stopped to pull a child out of the ditch and that his department could provide a guard. Reeve Haggart suggested this should be done and that one of the men working in the area could be detailed for this duty. The Works Commissioner agreed.

Keep Children Off Road

Reeve Haggart added that the real answer was for parents of pre-teen children to keep their children off the road as much as possible since the danger existed at all times not just when children were going to and from school.

Lack of Public Interest

Mr. Harris complained at the apparent lack of public interest — pointing out that the attendance at this meeting was dimly small. He said that it made him sick when he thought of the parade of people knocking at his door at midnight seeking loan of a pump when flood conditions prevailed.

Deputy Reeve Complains

Deputy-reeve Tinker commented that "this is too often the case with all public meetings and with the meetings of council. We have a council chamber with accommodation for 50 people to watch proceedings but there is seldom more than one or two people in the public gallery. People should know they are free to attend all council meetings. He said that many weeks

there are no people in attendance. Last week was a record with four attending. He suggested to those present that they should pass on to other people the fact everyone was welcome to attend and that more people should do so and see where their money was going. Council have to appropriate a sizable amount this year and people should turn out to learn how and why this is done.

Other points which came out at the meeting came from the Works Commissioner who told those present that every effort had been made and was continuing to obtain some relief in the cost of the work. Approaches had been made to the Highways Department. The department would not, however, finance storm sewers. Efforts to obtain an award under the drainage act had been made and every other conceivable avenue had been explored.

Sidewalks

Reeve Haggart said installation of sidewalks might be included in subdivision plans in the future. He advised property purchasers hire a lawyer before putting all statements they make about future developments and improvements, etc., in writing in the agreement. A lawyer would look after their interests. Too often people view a model home where there is no ditch outside and then pick out their lot from a map of the subdivision without actually seeing the land selected.

Report Will Inform

Reeve Haggart said the Budget Report of the Works Department would provide interested people with most of the information they might want to know regarding this whole problem. He suggested the report when available would answer most questions.

"Right Where We Started"

Winding up the meeting, Councillor Whillans remarked that the committee had learned nothing to assist it but those who had attended now knew more about the problems involved. Reeve Haggart added, "We're looking for help, but we have heard nothing to help us." Councillor Whillans concluded, "Yes, we end right where we started."

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"About \$35.00," he replied.

"Well," she said at last with a sigh, "I guess that's near enough."

Now I'm not going to claim it was those freshly cleaned clothes ALONE that turned the trick for that young fellow, but I'm sure they helped. You see he had his Spring outfit cleaned well in advance before the usual Easter rush at our plant and then took his time picking out some tasteful accessories for it. Smart boy!

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