

Thornhill and District News

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Six Months Report Thornhill Trustees Satisfied Road Expenditures To Date Concerned With Acts Vandalism In Park

With \$2,350.00 expended on Vaughan Township roads in the village, and \$1,216.57 on the Markham side, the roads budget for the Police Village of Thornhill has been slightly more than half spent. As this expenditure included the cost of the new snow plow purchased early in the year, and the expenses for the latter half of the year are normally less than in the first months of the year, Trustees A. Sumner and J. Timmins greeted this report with some satisfaction at the monthly meeting on Thursday, July 21. Trustee McTaggart-Cowan was not present at the meeting.

Some discussion arose over the fact that the fence at the rear of Dr. Morse's property on Centre Street has been removed, permitting an exit from the property onto the road at the top of the park. Trustee Timmins pointed out that Dr. Morse's predecessors in title had used this means of exit from the property before he had purchased it. Chairman Sumner pointed out, however, that the road had only been installed for three years and that it was a private road, the property of the village. "It was never intended for the benefit of the property owners on Centre St.," stated Mr. Sumner. "If Dr. Morse is allowed to use it, all the other property owners backing on the road will have to be given the same privilege. This was refused in the past." Trustee Timmins stated that the two doctors using

the property were mainly concerned with a means of emergency exit for their cars when, as sometimes happens, someone blocks the driveway and they are unable to answer a call. Mr. Sumner produced a copy of a letter which had been written to Dr. Morse some time previously, asking him to replace his fence, but giving him permission to install a gate which could be used in an emergency.

It was decided to inform Dr. Morse that unless he replaced the fence himself, the trustees would erect a fence without a gate. **Masons** A letter was read to the meeting which had been sent to the Masonic Hall, reminding them that the permission to install a septic tank tile bed in the Thornhill Park had been given only to them and the privilege would not be extended to any purchasers of the property. It was suggested that this be pointed out to any potential purchasers of the property, which is now up for sale. It was also suggested that the unsightly mess from the septic tank, which has occasioned much unfavourable comment, be cleaned up immediately.

Murray Motors Trustee Sumner reported on a meeting of the Vaughan Township Planning Board on June 27, at which Murray Motors, Yonge St., had requested permission to extend their operations to the Masonic Hall property. No objections were raised to the request at the meeting, but no plot plan had been produced and it was decided to withhold permission until a plan was presented to the board.

Mr. Sumner read a letter which had been received by the trustees from a nearby resident, asking that the trustees ensure that the extension would not be used as a used car lot, that gasoline pumps and floodlights be prohibited on the property and that it should not be used for parking cars. The trustees decided to table these suggestions, pending the production of a plot plan for the property from Murray Motors.

Wedding
McKIBBON - HAWES
Audrey Hawes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hawes, Thornhill, was married to Harold McKibbon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKibbon, of Eganville, Ontario, in an afternoon wedding at the Thornhill United Church on June 25, 1960.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white Chantilly lace on tulle over white satin, a crown of cultured pearls with waist length net veil and carried red roses. Miss Linda Breesenham was maid of honour and the sisters of the bride, Misses Ida and Colleen Hawes were bridesmaids, while Keith McKibbon Jr., was ring bearer. The bride's attendants were gowned in mauve cocktail length dresses with nosegays of yellow daisies, pink carnations and yellow rosebuds and blue mums.

During the service Mrs. R. J. Osborne sang "The Lord's Prayer." Alton McKibbon was best man for his brother and the groom's cousins, Harry and Keith Sparling were ushers.

A reception for 100 guests was held in the North York Community Hall before the bride and groom left on their honeymoon. They are now residing in Willowdale.

Thornhill Notes

Swimming Pool News
In spite of the unseasonably cool weather we have been having this month, the Thornhill Swimming Pool is in full swing, with a total of 700 children taking lessons regularly. Some 750 children in the area are holders of season passes to the pool, while 122 High School students and a further 20 adults have season passes.

The pool regularly carries a staff of 25 people, some administrators, two cashiers, six Senior instructors, four Junior guards, two maintenance men and approximately ten youngsters at the counter, on various shifts. The new assistant manager is well known to some of the high school pupils. He is Mr. McVicar of the Thornhill High School Physical Education Department.

The season tickets, if you're interested are at the following rates: \$20.00 for a family pass, \$10.00 for a single adult, \$7.50 for a high school student, \$5.00 for the first child in any family and \$2.50 for the second and third. There are reduced rates for the month of August — \$15.00 for a family ticket, \$7.50 for one adult, \$5.00 for high school students and \$3.00 for a child.

Some swimming tests will be held on the 26th and 29th of July, for children leaving town, but the regular testing will be done at the end of August.

This year the water in the pool comes from the Vaughan Township water supply, instead of the well, and Mr. Toogood, the pool manager, states that they find it much more satisfactory. It has solved their pump trouble, for instance, which has plagued them for the past two years, and as the municipal water has the iron removed from it, they find it easier on their filters, and they are not using as much cleaning material. It takes 200,000 gallons of water to fill the pool, and although the same water is re-filtered and used, water must be added to keep it up to the top level. So far this year the metre shows a consumption of 600,000 gallons, but no one knows whether this is any different than other years, as the old system had no metre on it and they were able to make only rough estimates of the water consumption. With all that water flowing through Thornhill, you'd wonder why anyone needed to go away up north to go swimming. And one advantage to swimming in a pool — there are no motor boats buzzing about, ready to snap your head off when you come up from a dive!

Social Notes
Mrs. Arthur Eisey of 114 Arnold Avenue has just returned from what was figuratively, if not literally a "flying trip" out to Brandon, Manitoba and back. In ten days she motored 3,500 miles, sharing the driving with her sister, Mrs. McArthur of Cooksville. The only time they "cheated" on the driving was when they took the ferry from Muskegon, Michigan, across to Milwaukee. This is reputed to cut 250 miles off the road mileage, but more important, it gave the drivers a much needed rest. Mrs. Eisey and her sister visited their mother who, while not critically ill, has been in hospital in Brandon for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smillie of 65 Thornridge Drive returned recently from a camping trip in Algonquin Park with their two sons. Well, Mother, it's wonderful having those fine strapping sons, isn't it? Now if they could only be educated to enjoy some more restful type of holiday... But then, as Mrs. Smillie so philosophically remarks, "It makes you enjoy your home when you get back" — and I can vouch for that too!

Markham Puts Thornhill Paving in D.O.H. Hands
Markham Township Council at its regular weekly meeting gave third reading to a by-law, subject to approval for subsidy by the Department of Highways, for a \$64,934 paving bill in Thornhill, with Councillor John MacNeil standing firmly against it. Councillor MacNeil maintained this work is premature and should not be done until sanitary and storm sewers have been installed. Councillor S. Watson remarked, "The department won't give approval unless they approve of it." Councillor Lawson Mumberston: "If the Dept. of Highways does not see fit to subsidize this — that's the end of it." Reeve William Clark: "I am opposed to that type of specification." But despite council's personal feelings the by-law was passed for forwarding to the department, and council will abide by the department's decision, since the paving program was proposed by the Thornhill Village trustees two years ago.

Thoughts and Theories

by Elizabeth Kelson

What good are poems? Well... there is one certain thing. They will not make much money for you, neither will they build houses or win any wars. They will, however, tell you about men and women from the time they are born until the time they die. They will sing about the glories of God and the beauty of Nature. They will rouse, sensitize and energize your sense of beauty in all things. Shelley said: "Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds." Are poems true? They are as true as men and women and the world are. No more than that.

The form of a poem consists of words being formed into a pattern. It has a complete thought even though the experience it presents may be incomplete. The shapeliness and order of a poem tell us in a secret way that despite suffering, peace exists... despite ugliness, beauty... despite chaos, order exists... despite evil, good; and that they inhabit a world beyond time and change. The character in the poem may suffer but the poem always has a happy ending. This is bound to be good for you.

There are a lot of things you can do if you want to enjoy poetry more. The first thing to do is to read some poems: find some you like; say them to yourself until they are a part of your thought. It isn't necessary to understand them right away. Memorize a few until the music of their meaning is a part of your experience. Real poems are like real people, they improve when you get to know them better.

Good collections of poems are easy to obtain nowadays. Most big pocket stands will have poetry anthologies, and Oscar Williams's "A Little Treasury of Great Poetry"... "The Golden Treasury" and others. If you fancy the modern poets you can get them at the library or bookstore. And what about the people who write the poems? Philip James Bailey explains it this way, "Poets are all who love and feel great truths and tell them."

Horticultural Summer Delphinium Display

There were many very beautiful entries in the Delphinium Show held by the Thornhill Horticultural Society on Tuesday, July 12, at Thornhill United Church. The newer varieties and colours predominated in the Delphinium classes. As it has been a good year for roses in Thornhill, there were many roses to be seen, from the small variety climbers to the profusion of bloom on Florabundas and the large tea roses, including the magnificent Peace variety. There were more sweet peas entered than ever before and an interesting number of assorted perennials and biennials.

In the arrangement class, Mrs. J. Bridges received much praise for her pink crescent shaped rose arrangement, and the Manning's colourful basket of flowers was also awarded a first.

While the show was being judged by Mr. Douglas Boyd from Richmond Hill, Mr. A. Sumner showed the society a most interesting and educational film about the Trans-Canada Highway. This film was produced by the National Film Board and done with much imagination. The audience was completely absorbed in the film which was enjoyed equally well by the children present.

Mrs. J. Bridges thanked Mr. Sumner for showing the film and reminded those present of the next show to be held on Saturday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Thornhill United Church.

The prize winners for the July Show were:
1 spike white delphinium: Mrs. R. Burroughs, The Healeys. 1 spike blue delphinium: The Healeys, Mrs. F. Small, Mrs. M. Harper. 1 spike mauve delphinium: Mrs. R. Burroughs, The Mannings, Mrs. F. Small, 1 spike purple delphinium: Mrs. M. E. Harris, The Mannings, Mr. F. Small, 3 spikes white delphiniums: Mr. P. Bone, 3 spikes blue delphiniums: Mr. P. Bone, Mr. F. Small, 3 spikes delphinium in mixed colours: Mr. F. Small, Mr. P. Bone, The Mannings, 6 spikes mixed delphiniums: Mr. F. Small, 1 spike hollyhock: 3 Mrs. J. B. Johnston, 1-3 spikes day-lily: A. Sumner, J. Halliwell, The Whatleys. 1 spike liliium: P. Bone, Mr. Turnpenney, A. Sumner, 3 shastas, single: Mrs. K. Falla, Mrs. B. Tremaine, The Mannings, 3 shastas, double: Mrs. M. Harper, Mrs. B. Tremaine, 12 stems sweet peas: The Mannings, The Healeys, Mrs. K. Falla, 6 stem dianthus: The Healeys, 1 hybrid tea rose: Mrs. K. Falla, Mrs. M. E. Harris, Mr. B. Jenkins, 1 hybrid tea rose, full bloom: J. Halliwell, Mrs. E. Harris, B. Jenkins, 1 spray florabunda: J. Halliwell, Mrs. M. E. Harris, The Mannings, 3 sprays florabundas: J. Halliwell, P. Bone, B. Jenkins, 1 spray climbing roses: J. Halliwell, The Whatleys, Mrs. M. E. Harris, 3 stages hybrid tea roses: Mrs. J. Briggs, Mrs. M. Brown, B. Jenkins, 1-3 stem A.O.V. perennials: Mrs. M. Harper, The Mannings, A. Sumner, 1-3 stems biennial: The Healeys, J. Halliwell, B. Jenkins.

Class 2, Decorative
Floral crescent arrangement: Mrs. J. Bridges, The Healeys, B. Jenkins. Floral arrangement, twin containers: The Healeys. Arrangement of lilies: Mrs. A. Dolan, P. Bone, The Healeys. Modernistic arrangement: B. Jenkins, Mrs. J. Bridges, The Healeys. Outdoor luncheon arrangement: Mrs. C. Bishop, Mrs. M. E. Harris, The Mannings. Buffet arrangement: B. Jenkins, Mrs. J. Bridges, The Healeys.

Class 3 Vegetables
6 pods peas: Mrs. K. Falla, F. Teasdale, The Whatleys. Plate of assorted vegetables: Mr. A. Turnpenney, The Mannings, The Whatleys. Pint box of small fruit: Mrs. J. B. Johnston, The Mannings, The Whatleys.

While the July show had over 100 entries, the August 20th annual show is the big one of the year. It normally has over 300 entries and with the lush growth everywhere in evidence throughout the village, it promises to be more spectacular than ever. Visitors are cordially invited to attend. The time, 7:30 p.m., the place, Thornhill United Church, Dudley and Elgin Streets.

Deputy-reeve Wilfred Dean asked for a cut in the number of non-resident licences issued and asked that the number issued be changed to 700, instead of 1,200. Reeve Clark said, "That's still a raise from two years ago but a 300 cut from last year." Clerk Harry Crisp suggested ordering just so many licences, instead of passing a by-law. "When we run out of licences to issue that's it." The deputy-reeve remarked that if licensing was cut too low, "You have to do more policing." Council MacNeil: "We had very little trouble last year." Reeve Clark: "Yes, that's right. It was the most trouble-free year we've had." Councillor Watson: "Then why are we cutting down this year?" Councillor MacNeil said he had been informed a letter had been sent to Highland Park ratepayers and he would like to see a copy of this letter. The deputy-reeve informed him the letter, re sanitary sewers, had not been issued by the municipal clerk's office. "That letter went out from the ratepayers' association." And Councillor Mumberston added it was not official. Council then set the date of Wednesday, August 31, at 9:30 a.m. for a joint meeting at the municipal building with the Highland Park ratepayers, council and township engineers, regarding sanitary and storm sewers.

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TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM CIVIC HOLIDAY PROCLAMATION

By resolution of Council, Monday, August 1st, 1960, is proclaimed Civic Holiday.
Citizens are requested to govern themselves accordingly.
H. C. T. CRISP Clerk
W. L. CLARK Reeve
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

RE: Township of Markham Committee of Adjustment Notice of Hearing Our File CA/60/6

Notice is hereby given of a hearing to be held by the Township of Markham Committee of Adjustment at the Municipal Offices, Buttonville, Gormley R. R. 2, Ontario, on Tuesday the 9th day of August, 1960, at 8 o'clock p.m.


Nature of Application

The application to be heard has been submitted by Jack Van Tol, Mary Van Tol and Martin Van Tol, owners of the W211' of Lot 15 and the E75' of Lot 16, Registered Plan 2113. The owners wish to obtain permission to construct a single family dwelling house on the west 75' of the lands with a depth of 220' notwithstanding that the frontage is less than 100' as required by By-law No. 1442.

Signed written submissions on this application will be received by me, at this office prior to the hearing.

CHAS. HOOVER.
Secretary,
Committee of Adjustment,
Gormley R. R. 2

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