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B. Acres Drainage—
Councillor Broadhurst
Advocates General Levy

At the August 10 Municipal Bd. hearing in Richmond Hill, which resulted in board approval of the method proposed to pay for the projected drainage system in Beverley Acres in the amount of \$248,000, Councillor Tom Broadhurst, one of the chief spokesmen for Beverley Acres residents, presented a 10-point submission to the board through Mr. Donald Plaxton, legal representative for the Beverley Acres Ratepayers Association. The submission called for a general levy against all taxpayers to pay for the project and an alternative should the general levy proposal be rejected. To keep the record straight, "The Liberal" publishes the submission.

The summary of the lengthy submission reads as follows: "In conclusion I ask the board to rule that the cost of the project be raised by general tax levy over the town at large because: (A) The work is not truly a local improvement but the rectification of an error for which council and therefore the whole town is responsible. (B) Because the alleged precedent said to have been set by council bears no particular relation to this set of conditions; (C) Because there is strong presumptive evidence of a conspiracy of silence on the part of council on matters significantly affecting the proposed method of payment; (D) Because all that a 50-50 method of payment has to recommend it is that it has the SOUND of fairness in a situation where nobody knows what to do, or finds politically unpalatable what natural justice indicates should be done. (Drainage area residents, besides paying their exclusive 50 per cent of the cost will also have to pay their share of the 50 per cent raised by general levy, so that 50-50 will become more like 70-30 against them); (E) Because having over-taxed the area strenuously for expenditures benefiting the

whole town, council has dissipated over the whole town, assets the justest and most natural use for which would have been payment for this drainage project; (F) Because having consistently applied the principle of using subdividers donations for projects benefiting the whole town the same principle must be extended to paying for work for which the monies could otherwise be used; (G) Because the poor drainage conditions and repeated adverse publicity concerning them over four years has already cost the area residents more in reduced real estate valuation than they should ever have been asked to pay at any time.

Alternative
If the board does not see fit to accept my argument completely I ask alternately that: (A) The board direct that the \$43,922.90 shown as remaining in No. 2 Account be applied in relief of that part of the payment assessed against the drainage area; (B) That it direct that such sum as it sees fit and just be transferred from No. 3 Account to No. 2 Account in recognition of the fact that those contributing to No. 2 Account have provided exclusive municipal facilities which those contributing to No. 3 Account enjoy but for which they have paid nothing and that such sum also be applied in relief of that part of the payment assessed against the drainage area; (C) That it direct that any saving over the estimate be applied in relief of the sum assessed against the drainage area.

It may be pointed out here that during the hearing it was revealed that of the \$43,922.90 mentioned above as remaining in the No. 2 Account, that \$22,000 has been earmarked for alterations to the Municipal Building and part of the remainder has been earmarked for projects in Beverley Acres.

Police Chief Robbins—
Denies Dog Summons
Were Sent In Error

"There is absolutely no assumption on the part of the police that a person who paid a dog tax last year owns a dog this year."

In these words, Police Chief R. P. Robbins voiced strong exception to last week's story in "The Liberal", which detailed "beefs" by citizens about dog taxes.

Chief Robbins said that with the exception of two cases in which the police erred, and made corrections, no person this year received a summons unless he or she had an unregistered dog.

Records show that last week there were 71 court convictions on charges of having failed to register dogs, and two charges were drawn by the police department. "Every one of these 71 persons who were convicted received plenty of grace before being summoned," Chief Robbins said. He stressed the fact that in all cases this year summonses are being served personally by his officers. "It simply is not true to say that people whose dog, registered last year but either killed, sold, lost or strayed since have been wrongfully summonsed this year." He reiterated that this year no one has received a summons unless he actually owned a dog and had failed to register by June 12, the deadline, at which time the first of about 400 owners began to be checked out by the police department.

The chief flatly denied that any-

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Roy and family of Sussex Ave., have just completed a two weeks vacation during which time they visited 6 Mile Lake and Niagara Falls. Birthday greetings to Wayne Silver, Sussex Ave., who celebrated his third birthday on August 3.

Watch this column for announcements of fall activities of local organizations.

Works Chairman Haggart—

Expect Beverley Acres
Drainage Scheme To Be
Completed By December

The Beverley Acres drainage project, to cost \$248,000, should be completed by approximately the first of December, according to Richmond Hill Works Commission Chairman Reeve James Haggart. He told "The Liberal" that so far as construction is concerned, tenders were called on Tuesday (August 16) and will close at 5 p.m. August 29. "It is a condition of the tender that work is to proceed immediately," he said. Under normal circumstances, therefore, the job should be finished in three months.

Mr. Haggart also said: "Council is presently making inquiries whether some of this work will qualify under the winter works program for a 75 per cent subsidy on labour costs."

The storm sewer itself is being built of sufficient size and placed deep enough so that at some future date, providing petitions are received from the residents, the entire deferred-benefit area may be storm sewered. "This phase of the work, in my opinion, justifies the deferred-benefit area charge," Mr. Haggart said. He himself is in the deferred-benefit area.

Mr. Haggart clarified his reasons why he considers the charge-method fair. He pointed out that the same basis of charge, a 50-50 split between Beverley Acres and all rateable taxpayers in "The Hill" was applied to the Markham Road sewers. In that instance, the charge of \$5.00 per foot frontage was levied against ratepayers whose properties abut Markham Road while those whose properties drain to Markham Road will pay \$2.00 per foot. The same method was applied in the installation of the storm sewer on Crosby Avenue from the railway track west to Yonge St. In this case there was no deferred-benefit area so everyone concerned paid \$5 per foot frontage.

Mr. Haggart continued: "It is a policy of council that the deferred-benefit area residents in Beverley Acres will never have to pay more than \$5.00 per foot frontage whenever storm sewers are installed. At such time, an added \$3 per foot charge only will be made."

"Bee Day" at William Neal's

"Bee Day" — invasion by another army of bees — was staged on Saturday the 13th. This time the swarm invaded Richmond Hill's "Main Street" with the buzzing hordes visible just a few feet from the side windows of "The Liberal". The bees were apparently attracted by the possibility of safe, warm winter quarters in what was the old 150 years' historic "Dominion House", now the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Neal and family, located over their Dodge-DeSoto showrooms on Yonge St.

Once the scouting party of bees had located a crack in the outer wall over an upper window, the Queen Bee was safely escorted in, through the crack into the space between the partitions and joists, then the main army poured in, in a seemingly unending stream. Lacking means of a detailed count, the swarm was estimated at about "enough to fill three bushel baskets". Trying to take a shortcut, some of the buzzing visitors poured through a window into Jim Neal's bedroom,

Vaughan Council

Province To Review
Subsidy Policy By
End Of The Month

Vaughan Township Council, at its regular Monday meeting, dealt with 1960 road paving, Thornhill street paving and a future road paving program in that order. A letter from the Department of Highways said that it would review its subsidy policy by the end of the month which means that council will hold in abeyance its proposed roads program for some weeks to come. Although a shortage of provincial government roads money exists, council is hopeful that its supplementary bylaw, covering \$330,000 and passed early in July, will receive favorable study.

The regional district engineer's office of the Department of Highways informed council it was in agreement with the necessity for a paving program in Thornhill but that the matter would now go to the chief municipal engineer's office. Vaughan would like to undertake a surface treatment project in Thornhill in the amount of approximately \$43,000.

Road Paving

Relative to the future road paving program, Deputy-revee Vic Ryder said that the Department of Highways apparently would not commit itself to a year to year subsidy covering an exhaustive survey but would agree to subsidy in terms of what it could afford from time to time. The survey would cost in the neighbourhood of \$10,000, of which \$5,000 would be forthcoming from the highways department. All council members were in favour of entering into talks with the department about the matter. Mr. Ryder pointed out that the present policy of stop-gap roads spending was impractical and expensive. Councillor Bruce Ralph termed the study "essential" while Councillor Jesse Bryson felt the study could be cheap in the long run.

While originally the proposal was for a thorough survey of the north-south arteries, it is felt that the highways department would undertake a survey of the east-west roads as well, thus cleaning up the entire matter at once.

Council wondered whether such a survey might commit possible new councils to a stated policy arising out of firm findings, but Councillor Ralph was of the opinion that future councils would not be expected to carry out a policy which, in the light of changing needs could be impractical.

It was agreed that the survey had been allowed to lag too long. Councillor Bryson said that the survey would constitute a blueprint for future governing bodies. "It would be a badly needed guide," he said. Mr. Ryder added "The survey will also have the effect of advising us as to stop-gap measures and in this respect alone it should mean a saving of the taxpayers' money." Deputy-revee Ryder, seconded by Councillor Ralph, moved that action be taken.

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On Sunday, August 21, Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m., to be followed by public worship at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Fred Milne of Toronto. Everyone welcome.

The August meeting of the W.A. will be held in the Sunday School room on Wednesday evening, August 24, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Elizabeth Brinkmann of West Germany, who is in Canada at present attending an International Adult Education Conference. She will be guest of Mrs. Fraser Gee for a week. All members of the different organizations are invited.

The W.A. would like to thank all who donated towards the bake sales to help make them such a success. About \$270.00 was realized from the sales during the past five weeks.

Birthday greetings to George Colard for August 17 to Audrey Gee for August 17; to Susan Tennyson who on August 18 will be five years old; to Mrs. Treanor Canning for August 18; to Mr. Rolph Boynton for August 20; to Muriel Mortson who on August 22 will be eight years old; to Bruce Cowie who on August 22 will be eight years old; to Mrs. S. DeFoe for August 22; to Miss Grace Boynton for August 24. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brumwell (Nancy Treka), who on August 22 will be celebrating their first wedding anniversary; to Mr. and Mrs. Don Canning (Norma King) who on August 23 will be celebrating their second wedding anniversary.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mr. Jim Smith who suffered a heart attack last week. Miss Shirley Boynton and Shirley Wideman attended the Teen-Age Camp of the Brethren in Christ Church at Fort Erie.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boynton, and Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sandle, Margaret and Betty, Susan Johnston and Debbie Elias had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boynton, and Patsy and Bobby Ratke, the occasion being in honor of Patsy's fourth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Malloy of Richmond Hill had dinner Monday evening of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Travis and girls of Downsview spent Monday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker and Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker and Ross and Mrs. R. Perkins called on Mrs. Ada McCausland, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McCausland and family at St. Catharines one day last week.

Mrs. R. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker and Ross called on friends at Grimsby, Mount Pleasant, Brantford and Essex, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Dafeo and Gail of Toronto had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Stan DeFoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker and Ross attended a family gathering at Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nixon's at Manilla on Saturday.

Receives Safety
Award

At a recent ceremony at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Richmond Hill received an award from the Canadian Highway Safety Council for completing 1959 without a single traffic fatality. The Hon. John P. Robarts, Q. C., Minister of Education, presented the coveted award to Police Chief R. P. Robbins and Deputy-revee Stanley Tinker, chairman of the local police committee. Congratulations to Richmond Hill were also extended by Mrs. Ethel McLean, Ontario Department of Transport.

TENDERS

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