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Tri-County Workshop

200 Council Representatives Planning Members Discuss Need Of Regional Boards And Urban-Rural Unity

By Mona Robertson

"Counties today are in the same position as the United Nations—they are trying to adjust to the accelerated 'jet age,'" said Professor Grant Crawford, Queen's University, and a member of Kingston Planning Board, speaking on "The County as a system of government", before 200 representatives from York - Peel - Ontario Counties at the Tri-County Community Planning Workshop, held in the county building, Newmarket, on Wednesday of last week.

He further stated that, "The province should be encouraged to give county councils support by putting all boards in one — except for educational bodies", and drew applause and chuckles of laughter from his audience as he enlarged on the one exception saying, "There is no field where you can get people more violently angry — as when you deal with the educational picture," but he predicted that if the province assisted the counties in amalgamating all other boards, that within five or ten years "they (educational boards) would come around to it too."

Dr. Crawford's suggestion (there were no conclusions taken at the workshop) would, he said, eliminate village and town councils within the county—but any town, which wished to keep its own form of government, would be free to withdraw from the county council; "and on the assumption the province is interested in better County Government the province should compensate the county for any assessment lost by a town withdrawing."

One of the strong points brought up at the workshop on Wednesday was the fact that the county boundaries were set in 1849, and that no changes have been made since that date, although because of annexation and towns seceding from the county as they became cities, the assessment balance of the counties is not the same in 1960 as it was 111 years ago.

Professor Crawford, who had remarked on the mobility of this age, concluded his remarks by saying, "Change is bound to come and it's most important we

don't close our minds to it," but he advised that after five years of trial for a new county policy, "the people should vote and decide if they want to continue," rather than leave county government unchanged or unchallenged for another hundred years. Among Those Present

The workshop commenced at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with Reeve Mrs. Mary Fix, former Warden of Peel County (1959) as moderator for a panel composed of Mr. J. Milner, University of Toronto; Dr. E. G. Pleva, University of Western Ontario; Mr. D. J. Bucknall, Warden, Lincoln County; and Norman Pearson, Director of Planning, Burlington, whose talk was read by his assistant, William E. Thompson.

The presentation by the panel was Planning and Urban Growth. Representatives attending from this immediate area were William Clark, Reeve of Markham Township; Deputy-reeve Whitred Dean, Markham Township, Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell, representing Richmond Hill Town Council; Councillors Jesse Bryson and Wilson Anstey Vaughan Township, Ron Forrest, planning director, Hugh Brennan, chairman of the Planning Board, and Clerk H. C. T. Crisp, were also present from Markham Township.

There were no representatives from either Vaughan or Richmond Hill planning boards. Also present, Jack Rye, chairman of planning for East Gwillimbury and a former warden of York County, Mr. G. L. Duffin, Ontario Department of Education.

Commenting afterwards Councillor Mrs. Southwell said, "It was a very constructive and well planned workshop. I am very glad I was there as the representative for our reeve for I feel anyone on council or in public life can benefit from these types of workshops."

Other Metro-border municipal representatives said, "We should have representation by population on the Metro Planning Bd. but we are not unhappy with our associations with Metro at this time."

How Workshop Came About In June of this year 26 representatives from the three counties met and discussed community planning and finally recommended to the three county governments, "The 1960 Committee on Planning should share in the convening of meetings—beyond the County boundaries with municipalities and planning boards concerned with problems similar to those facing York County Council." As further evidence of the value of such a joint meeting, Mr. Bucknall, Warden of Lincoln County, emphasized in his address on Wednesday of last week, "The Future of the County and Planning."

"A joint county-city planning board should be established, in order to eliminate disjointed through-streets from one area to another, to cut down on sewer and watermain costs by parallel linkage, etc."

"Assessment should be dealt with at a county level," he stated, "with an equalized assessment basis throughout the counties."

Mr. Bucknall was not in accord with Dr. Crawford's later statement re education but said "Boards of Education should be appointed on a county basis." He felt that this would provide a more impartial outlook by school board members and overall good for the county as a whole would be the result.

"I believe there is a bright future in county government—if governments face up to their responsibilities. But it will be no bigger than the people who constitute county government," he concluded.

Mr. J. Milner, University of Toronto spoke on "What Planning means in Ontario" and pointed out "The role of planning is separated from subdivision planning." He charged that this subdivision planning was councils' work.

Rural Assistants Urban

4-H Leaders Have School

Twenty-two leaders and assistant leaders of 4-H Homemaking Clubs in York County attended a two-day training school in Newmarket on October 4th and 5th. The training school signifies the beginning of the fall project for 4-H Homemaking Club members in this county. The unit to be studied is "The Club Girl Stands On Guard."

Leaders and assistants attending the training school were Mrs. R. Prentice, Temperanceville; Mrs. R. Snider and Mrs. J. Henderson, Snowball; Mrs. F. Barnes, Schomberg; Mrs. C. Hatley and Miss Margaret Cairns, Laskay; Mrs. F. Mactagart and Mrs. D. Irwin, Nobleton; Mrs. W. Glover and Mrs. R. W. Bunting, Bogartown; Mrs. J. Darlington and Mrs. F. Bodker, Edgeley; Mrs. R. Bowen and Miss J. Pelletier, Purpleville; Mrs. A. Rutherford and Mrs. O. A. McNeil, Vellore; Mrs. O. Bromley and Mrs. E. Van Nostrand, Vandonor; Mrs. Clare Eves and Mrs. S. Eves, Queensville and Mrs. George Foster and Mrs. G. Wardlaw, South Vaughan.

Miss Lois Smith, County Home Economist, was assisted at the Training School by Miss Ruth Hemingway, Home Economist for Wellington County.

On Tuesday afternoon, Sgt. Hill of the Newmarket Police Department, spoke to the group on "Traffic Safety." Mr. R. W. Niven Provincial Secretary of the St. Johns Ambulance Association, addressed the leaders on Wednesday morning.

Also on Wednesday, the leaders attended a Leaders Luncheon as guests of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

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Number of kitchen chairs
1 Small sleigh
1 Step stool
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Quantity of luggage
Many other articles not mentioned

No Time For Homework Joseph R. Sams reeve of Watford, bemoaned the fact that municipal councils are so busy with developments in their communities and embroiled in so many petty problems they have no time to do homework and assess municipal inefficiencies. He said counties should work together. Counties are only lately getting off the ground and studying the need for streamlining, he continued, and said that county-growth is only beginning to make itself felt in Ontario. "If we don't do some fast catching-up, we'll be overwhelmed."

Reeve Sams suggested that planning have a new start and that it be on no less than a county basis. Such a planning board would give leadership for municipalities, he said, and a reference board for the whole county.

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Markham Fair

Congratulations to Mrs. E. Thompson of Morgan Ave. who won three second prizes and one third at this year's Markham Fair. Mrs. Thompson had the following successful entries: embroidered tablecloth, 3rd; crocheted chesterfield set, 2nd; asparagus fern, 2nd collection of five house plants, 2nd.

Are there any more lucky Langstaff entrants, if so we would like to hear from you. Debbie Harris, Garden Ave., wishes to thank her many friends and neighbours for their various acts of kindness during her recent illness. Debbie returned from hospital two weeks ago and although she is progressing very well, she still is confined to bed. Please help her keep cheery by sending comic books, etc. to her. It's hard on a nine year old to stay in bed. It's hard on Mum, too, to keep her occupied.

Mark-Vaun Women's Institute The October meeting of the Mark-Vaun Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Thompson, Morgan Drive, Thursday, October 6. The meeting opened with the singing of the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, after which members answered the roll call by exchanging perennial slips.

Mrs. Roy announced that the prize winning display of dolls will be on display at the North York Public Library, Willowdale from October 18 until October 31, in connection with UNICEF month. All members were given a hearty vote of thanks for their participation in the fair.

It was announced that Mrs. Hamblin, District Director, will attend the Central Ontario Convention at the Royal York Hotel on November 2, 3, 4.

A eucrite committee has been formed to arrange for monthly eucrites through the winter. Starting date will be announced later. Penny-round-up bags for the Mental Health Association were collected.

Convenor for the evening, Mrs. Page, read a paper on Canadian Industries regarding wool and the advantages of woollen clothing. Open discussion followed. A quiz prize was won by Mrs. Hamblin. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Community Association The Langstaff Community As-

sociation held its first meeting of the season at Charles Howitt School, on Wednesday, October 5. Plans were made for a masquerade dance to be held Friday, October 28, at the Richvale Community Hall. Ladies are to bring box lunches to be auctioned during the evening. Further details will appear in next week's column.

A rummage sale is to be held during November. Donations for the white elephant table are badly needed.

Reigh-Ho - Come to the Fair The Harvest Fun Fair at Langstaff School will be held on Saturday, October 15, from 2 to 5 p.m.

A few of the attractions will be bake table, attic treasures, dolls clothes, knitting, skate and boot exchange. Come and bring the family - including Dad. He'll have fun too.

R. Hill Lions Set Budget Richmond Hill Lions, meeting last Thursday evening, approved the 1960-61 budget submitted by Dr. Jim Langstaff, chairman of the Finance Committee. Of the proposed total expenditures of \$5,175.00, the amount earmarked for Health and Welfare is \$2,000.00; for Boys and Girls Activities \$2,100.00 and for Scholarships and Education \$300.00.

The Lions were meeting for the first time in their newly renovated Lion's Hall, resplendent with vinyl flooring, azure blue walls, mezzanine, gallery, fluorescent lighting and effective ventilation. The old, barn-like interior has given way to a bright attractive auditorium of which the Lions are justly proud.

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