

"Undue Burden" Still Hangs Fire

1960 Warden, Commissioners Report On Year's Activities Say Detention Home Is Need

A summary of a busy year's activities was presented during the three-day session of York County Council held in Newmarket this week, when the 1961 group of municipal representatives took over its duties.

Dealing with a broad field of endeavour Warden William Clark, Reeve of Markham Township for the year, and his two Commissioners, Reeve William Sellers of Sutton and Reeve Clarence Davis of Aurora, gave the picture of 1960 in their report.

It disclosed that levies from municipalities in the county - that portion of taxes which the towns, villages and townships pass on to the central county government - came reasonably close to a million dollars. Exact amount was \$898,908.

A very brief report on reforestation - in which York County is a leader through the Vivian Forest project - said that an option had been secured on a further fifty acres in Georgia Township.

Hospital Costs Up
Costs for hospitalization of indigents paid for by the county showed a jump for 1960, the amount being \$21,049 as compared to \$17,047 in the previous year.

The new Home for Aged - York Manor - is nearing completion and would probably be ready for occupancy by May 1st, it was reported. Erection of the new building followed a slashing attack a couple of years ago on the old building, said to be inadequate and unsafe.

The "Undue Burden" section of the legislation which created Metro Toronto in 1954 and set up the northern municipalities as the continuing York County was covered in the report of the Warden and Commissioners. The matter is now before the Ontario Municipal Board and it is understood that a decision will be made in the near future. (The 1954 legislation recognized that an undue burden would be created through the loss of population and assessment by the remaining municipalities which formed the continuing county of York. Many costly services would not be reduced in the same proportion, thus throwing an "undue

burden" on those municipalities. The Metropolitan Toronto Act made provision for an adjustment if necessary. This is the matter now before the Ontario Municipal Board. (ED.)

Justice Costs Hang Fire
Also a matter of concern to the county is the cost of the administration of Justice. An application to determine the principles upon which the county's share of the cost shall be calculated is also before the Municipal Board, having been there since 1957. A decision is also being awaited.

Distribution of the assets of the old county prior to the split-up in 1954 took place during 1960 it was recorded.

Debentures of the county outstanding as at January 1st, 1961, amounted to \$5,782,500, it was reported. These cover high schools - a figure of \$3,790,000 - with the balance being applicable to road construction, the new county building and the new home for the aged.

Detention Home Needed
One of the problems which the county must consider in the future is the establishing of a detention home for uncontrollable boys and girls, said the report of the Warden and Commissioners. At the present time the Metro Toronto home on Sherbourne Street was being used at a cost of \$15 per day per child. This home is operating beyond capacity and might not have the room to accommodate children from York County, it was declared.

Likely to be a major matter in 1961, the subject of a county police force was touched on in the report of 1960 County activities. As already disclosed in the press, York County Warden and Commissioners engaged Magistrate Johnstone L. Roberts of Niagara Falls to make an investigation of the police situation in York County. His report was made to county council in November, 1960. Copies will go to all members of 1961 Council, which will discuss further action.

Establishment of a county welfare officer was discussed in 1960. The Ontario Department of Welfare joined in the discussions and was of the opinion that

welfare should be handled on a county basis. Two readings were given to a covering by-law. The third reading will come before the 1961 county council.

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W.A.

Vice-president, Mrs. Jack Macklin presided for the W.A. meeting. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Ray Jennings. Mrs. Arwood Harmon read the scripture.

Speaking of our deep loss in the death of two life members, Mrs. Howard Clark and Mrs. Frank Wilkins, an appropriate verse was read by Mrs. Ray Jennings followed by two minutes of silence and another verse in

memoriam.

During the reading of correspondence many grateful letters were read for Christmas gifts.

Sunday, February 19th, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hare are celebrating their 80th wedding anniversary. Time 3 to 5 p.m. Members of the W.A. are asked to assist Convent Mrs. Stewart Paxton and Mrs. W. Jennings in the making of sandwiches on Saturday afternoon.

It was decided a clock, not

exceeding \$10.00 be purchased for the church basement. After a short discussion it was moved that \$25.00 be donated to the Sunday School to aid with expenses.

The annual secretary-treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Lorne Cunningham. Balance on hand is \$784.38.

W.M.S.

The W.M.S. meeting opened with a theme verse and hymn. The annual report, given by Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. W. Jennings, showed \$114.50 sent to the Presbyterian Treasurer.

Delegates to the annual W.M.S. Presbyterian meeting in Aurora on January 25, were Mrs. W. Jennings and Mrs. Fred Boys.

Miss Homer of Aurora, guest speaker, introduced the new

study book. She explained in detail the Ecumenical Movement, sense of unity of heart; the religious background leading to the movement; the object to feel the oneness of unity to be much greater than differences in rituals.

On behalf of the W.M.S. group, Mrs. Milton Wells expressed appreciation to Miss Homer.

Mrs. Arwood Harmon very kindly offered to donate the new study books for which the organization is most grateful.

Personals
Birthday greetings to Nancy Jennings who celebrated her eleventh birthday on Saturday by having a number of her school pals as guests. The group thoroughly enjoyed a sleigh riding

experience drawn by tractor through the fields, a scrumptious lunch and games.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levison, Susanne, Teddy and David, of Shanty Bay, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thompson and Billy on Sunday.

On February 12, 13, 14 at 8 p.m. sharp the Rural Life Committee of the Presbytery will be conducting the Rural Life Workshop at Teston. Both men and women are invited to attend.

AURORA—Miss Aurora, age 19 days, the town's first baby of 1961, born 2:45 p.m. January 2, and whose name is Denise Carle, and mother Dorothea (Mrs. Gerard Carle) are doing fine.

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Neighbourhood Notes

The smorgasbord dinner to celebrate the opening of Brown's Corners United Church is back to the first date mentioned - February 14 - and everyone is invited. If you don't get a ticket come anyway and get your admission at the door.

Mrs. Adam Brown and Mrs. Richard Pralet were delegates at the "Sew To Save" classes held by the W.I. at Buttonville W.I. Hall on Thursday and Friday of last week. Serving tea to the visiting delegates present from surrounding groups were Mrs. Russell Boyington, Mrs. Gordon Purves and Mrs. John Wilkins.

Mrs. Charles Hooper represented the East York area convention of Women's Institutes on Saturday of last week when Kettleby W.I. celebrated their 50th anniversary.

On Thursday of last week ladies from Brown's Corners United Church assisted Victoria Square women when they served Markham Township Sunday School convention delegates dinner at noon.

Saturday afternoon of last week the first meeting of the Davidson Mission Band was held and a good foundation was laid for future sessions. If you have young children be sure to watch for the dates of these get-togethers for the younger set. Mrs. Wilfred Turner-Ax. 3-4737 will supply information.

We were sorry to learn that Mrs. Al Jones (Beverley McQuay) is back in bed again with hepatitis. We wish her a speedy recovery. While Mrs. Jones is ill the children are staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James McQuay.

Recently the Unionville Junior Farmers held a euchre party at Buttonville W.I. Hall, proceeds of which went to the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children. There were 22 tables of players and the school benefitted to the amount of \$45.00. Prize winners for the evening were Messrs. Russell Burr, Oscar Brodie, J. Dewsbury, and consolation winner Arnold Morson; Mrs. J. Dewsbury, Mrs. D. Spring and Mrs. Jean Trimble, consolation Dorothy Jackson. A ham was offered

as a lucky draw, and Ken Dimma was the winner.

Euchre Series
On Friday evening, January 20, the second game of the current W.I. Euchre series was played at Buttonville W.I. Hall, with 19 tables present.

Winners for the evening were Messrs. N. Burr, C. Latham, Wm. Middleton; Mrs. R. Burr, Mrs. A. Robinson and Mrs. Russell Boyington. Mr. Wm. Middleton won the lucky draw, a chieftan, and frozen winners were Messrs. R. Boyington and A. Young against Mrs. Norman Denby and Mr. Wilcox.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. J. Wilkins, Mrs. G. Purves, Mrs. George Barker and Mrs. K. Stots assisted in place of Mrs. Harper, who is ill.

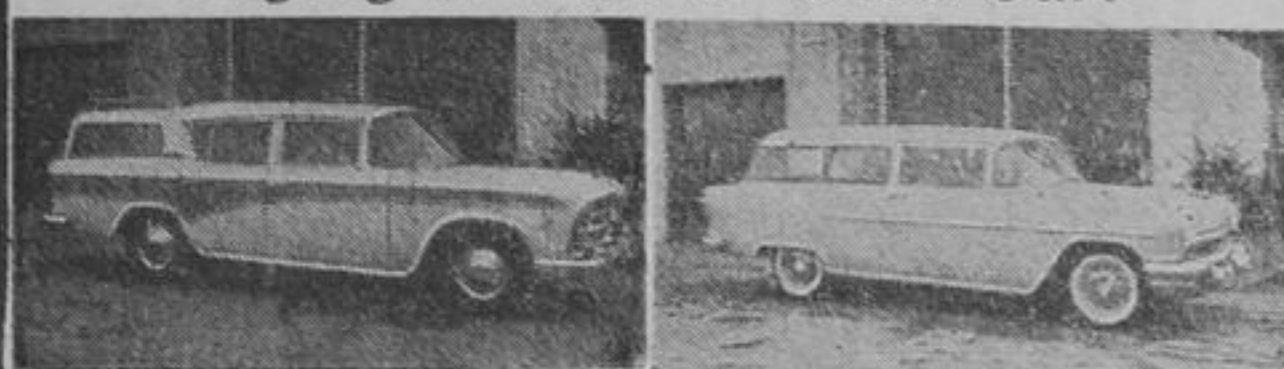
Mrs. George Kelly W.I. Hostess
Buttonville W.I. members met at the home of Mrs. George Kelly on Wednesday afternoon of last week for their January meeting. The guest speaker was Markham Township Councillor Charles Hooper, who brought maps of road and sewer trunk plans which were of much interest at this historical and current events meeting.

Mrs. Jean Cook also gave a paper on events of 1960 as they affected our community which was most interesting.

The Roll Call for the day was "Something My Mother Taught Me," and it was noted that Mrs. O. Brooke, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Rose Baker were absent because of illness.

During the business meeting Mrs. J. Wilkins took the chair & it was noted that a contribution would be made to "Pennies for Friendship," a fund for W.I. work. February 9th the members of the Buttonville W. I. will serve luncheon to the Girls' Club at Newmarket during their Achievement Day project; there will be a social evening for Buttonville W.I. members and members of the community on the evening of the third Tuesday evening in February; a benefit bridge and euchre for Retarded Children will be held April 10, evening; and W.I. members were invited to the annual meeting of the Girls' Club to be held the 1st Monday in February.

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