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Province Approves Roads Estimate

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Roads Committee and agreed to meet January 31 to work on the budget.

Delegation

A three-man delegation from the Roosevelt-Pearson area in Richvale headed by Robert Bowley received assurance from council that the overall drainage condition in the area would be dealt with. The delegation said that the situation has been hanging fire since November of 1959, that the flood conditions now are aggravated by an uncapped spring beneath one of the homes and that the residents involved want to know where the responsibility for corrective measures lie. Flood waters now affect the section from Westwood to Roosevelt off Pearson, across private property out onto the Chapman farm and beyond into Markham Township. The delegation showed a series of photos to illustrate the seriousness of the situation.

Said Mr. Bowley: "Flooding is a yearly occurrence. We've always had a spring problem, but now because of the uncapped spring it is worse. The spring itself is beneath the basement floor of a homeowner. It releases between four and five thousand gallons of water extra daily on private property. Sooner or later the responsibility for the spring will have to be established and the situation resolved." He said the feeling was general that the roads crews needed better supervision and added that the new council was not being blamed for conditions the old council should have cleared up. He said feeling was running high and did not rule out the possibility of court action but this should be avoided if at all possible. He added that the area residents did not feel they should pay for a situation brought about by the builder. "If the township failed to properly supervise the builder, then Vaughan is at fault," he said, going on to suggest that council set up an investigative committee and have the ratepayers and builder meet. Reeve A. H. Rutherford said "You're looking at the committee that would be set up, and we all are fully cognizant of your concern. We should have the engineer's report in on the matter within a few days. We'll go over it and get in touch with you. We'll do everything we can to seek a solution."

Earlier council had agreed not to appeal the decision of the Court of Revision whereby the assessment of five properties on Roosevelt Drive be reduced. Mr. Bowley said that the township had not yet confirmed the judge's findings and that according to law such confirmation was required two weeks from the time the decision was handed down. Council instructed the clerk to attend to this matter.

Mr. Bowley, in winding up his presentation said: "We're getting so much water in our area I think I'll have to start drinking it." Councillor Ruth McConkey said mischievously: "Why not start selling it?" The reeve put in: "I know the situation there is a nuisance and expensive. We'll do everything possible to seek the answer."

More Help

Council authorized Clerk-Treasurer J. McDonald to hire such additional help as he deems necessary to assist in the Welfare Department, Assessment Department and some other departments.

Roads

On recommendations from the roads superintendent and the roads committee council went along with the decision to discontinue the policy of renting hopper-type sanders, defer the matter of purchasing a snow plow and not to buy a snow blower. Excellent weather is working hand in glove with the roads department, at least for the present.

Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

On Friday night, January 20th in the Gordon MacLaren Room of the Richmond Hill Library the local Naturalists held their monthly meeting. In spite of the zero temperature the hall was filled to capacity. Dr. Douglas Pimlott was the guest speaker and his subject was Poland. Last Summer Dr. Pimlott of the Lands and Forests Department, was invited to give a paper on the North American Moose at the 1st Congress of the International Union of Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, this organization was formed in 1948 by UNESCO to co-ordinate nature in underprivileged areas of the world. Part of the conference was held in Warsaw and part in Karkow. While in Warsaw Dr. Pimlott took many pictures of the streets and buildings, some of these buildings were partly demolished by the past war and some that were beyond repair were rebuilt. Many were just in the process of being rebuilt. We noticed that where ever it was possible the Polish people had planted trees, and made little parks. We saw some very interesting pictures of the reconstruction of the old walled village, which was completely destroyed by bombs and is now being reconstructed as an exact replica of the original one that dates back to the 13th Century.

We saw pictures of the Wavel Museum in Karkow, which has also been entirely rebuilt, there were many blank walls and niches waiting for their Art Treasures in Canada to be returned. These have now been returned and are no doubt set up in their places. While travelling from Warsaw to Karkow the route went through the 1st Biowolzeza National Park Preserve.

The pictures of the Penning Gorge on the Dunajec River were especially beautiful. The trip down the Gorge takes about six hours on Raft-like barges, poled by natives in colorful costumes. The scenery is unbelievable, sheer cliffs, rising up, and up and toward the sky, and then being snow capped, then lush green meadows with crystal clear pools, and all surrounded by tremendous trees. The gorge cuts right through the great Carpathian Mountains and is one of the wonders of the world.

We think Dr. Pimlott gave more than just a paper at the conference, we feel that he has also proved himself to be a good ambassador to both Poland and Canada.

MARKHAM VILLAGE — Markham Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society will show a film "Self Examination for Breast Cancer" at the Roxy Theatre on Monday at 3 p.m. Dr. Jean O'Neill of Richmond Hill will answer questions afterward.

Down Unionville—

Blueliners Lose Grieves & Reynolds Still Win 4-0

Minus stars John Grieves and Tommy Reynolds the Richmond Hill Midgets still had enough power, supplied by Bruce Walker and company to down a rejuvenated Unionville Club by a 4 to 0 score. The surprising thing of the game was that the Jets gave the Terrymen such a hard time during the game, considering the fact that they were murdered by the Hill boys by a 13 to 0 score last time out. Bolstered by two new defencemen the Unionville goalie played outstanding hockey all night, and twice robbed Bruce Walker right at the goal mouth. Bob Ritchie in the Hill net also played well and it was a well earned shut out for him.

Bruce Walker was the "hatchet man" for the Blueliners as he scored twice on assists from Rodney Kelson. Dean Wainwright scored a goal in the second period from an almost impossible angle, he was assisted on this one by centre Bruce Walker. The other goals were tallied by Ritchie "Matt Dillon" Elliott who blasted a shot from the point that caught Kelly by surprise. The line of Ian Ross, Keith Corkill and "Wee Dougie" Jamieson played well, and although kept off the scoring sheet they contained the Unionville forwards with their persistent forechecking. As usual Ritchie Elliott and Peter Hiscott went all the way for the Blueliners on defense, and as per usual put up a stone wall to frustrate the Unionville Team.

Emmanuel Church Starts Stewardship Campaign

Emmanuel Church, Richvale, is a beehive of activity. With its new minister, Fred C. Jackson, the church is heading into its current campaign to bring more members into active parish life. The Campaign Committee headed by Chairman Mr. Ron Neuman and Co-Chairman Mr. Lionel Boswell has plans well under way. The Parish Dinner and Annual Vestry Meeting on January 27 will be an important event in the campaign. Mrs. Lionel Boswell and ladies of the church are making arrangements for a dinner at Wrixon Hall to mark the occasion.

Mr. Norm Winterfield, Chairman of the Visitation Committee is organizing a group of 50 volunteers to visit some 200 Anglican families in the parish on Stewardship Sunday, February 5.

Other committee members are Mr. Ted Moran, Mrs. Jas. Howard, Mrs. Robert Brash, Mr. Robert Webster and Mr. William Draper. Already there is evidence of real activity among both the older and the newer members of the parish.

Bayview High School

Bayview High School cafeteria opened last Monday with a Turkey dinner. So many more than were expected stayed to dinner that the supply was not quite equal to the demand. However, things are now running smoothly and the meals are very enjoyable. A group of teachers has been organized to study the continuity of the Science Courses from grade VII through grade X. A co-ordinating committee headed by Principal H. Eubank and consisting of the Elementary and Secondary School principals, science teachers and inspectors of the Bayview area has been formed to supplement the study. Currently a sub-committee is studying a matter of course content, methods and equipment. Mr. S. Raymond, service head at Bayview, is one of the committee members.

On Tuesday, January 17, a meeting of the four public school principals and Mr. Eubank was held to discuss possible courses for Grade VIII graduates attending Bayview High next September. Student council awards for general proficiency, service and leadership were announced this week. These consist of cash awards and suitable mementoes. The awards are of the following values: \$15.00 in grade IX, \$20 in grade X, \$25.00 in grade XI, \$30 in grade XII and \$35.00 in grade XIII.

These are open for competition this year and are an excellent addition to a growing list of awards.

The Student Council recently approved the formation of a pupil organization. This will consist this year of about ten responsible students who will be elected shortly to position of honour, authority and trust, another step toward good student government. The plans were presented to the student body at their first assembly in the new gym, Wednesday, January 25. Nominations and a general election followed.

The shop is now in partial operation and the gym opens on January 25th. This Friday, January 27 will be the first of a series of Friday night basketball games in the new gym.

**Councillor Ruth McConkey—
First Lady Of Vaughan Township Hard Worker**

About 1908, there came to Canada, a young Englishman, a Quaker, and the only son of a very old-railway family. His father and grandfather had helped build the great railways of England, and their engineering and designing skills had prompted Queen Victoria to offer them a knighthood on three separate occasions, but being Quakers, this honour was refused.

This young engineer settled in the area of Orillia, Ontario where he met a pretty young telephone operator, and a few months later they were married. From this union three daughters - in due course, four daughters - the third one, being born in Orillia and named Ruth. In short order, the family was transferred through the Canadian Pacific Railway System to North Bay, Sudbury where Ruth learned to talk, speaking French before her native English, and finally to Montreal where she had her elementary education in Westmount. Again another transfer, this time to Toronto where she attended Moulton Ladies College on Bloor St. (now gone the way of so many lovely buildings in the way of progress and effort). She graduated as president of her class in 1939, just weeks short of the onset of the World War II.

A few months of a business course, then on to a war plant for the duration of the war, and it was there she met and married Hugh McConkey in January, 1944. It was in Toronto that Hugh and Ruth's five children were born. Diane in 1945, Deborah in 1947, John in 1953, Judy 1955 and Peter in 1957. With such a family, and the responsibility of bringing them up to be true citizens, the McConkeys felt that this would be easier in a small town rather than in the high tension life of the big city, and though they both had contributed much time and effort to making their city a better one, they felt it time to move.

Before this move, however, they both had worked in the children's Parent's Auxillary of the school, in the council of the Rosedale-Moorepark Association and Mooredale House, and with a group dedicated to the removal from office of all Communists in the Toronto area from city, provincial and federal politics.

They moved to Maple in 1958, taking great pride in their ownership of Dr. Routley's old house on Maple Road in the middle of the village, and the challenge of restoring this lovely home to some of its former beauty. In the fall of that year, they also acquired their first standard-bred horses and started the fascinating, sometimes heart-breaking, but always rewarding business of the breeding, raising, training and racing of pacing horses, aided and abetted by Alex Forrest, a long-time Maple resident.

Things she has done and things she must now do without - she occasionally helps to drive horses when they are being jogged, but has given up riding (side-saddle, at that). She still gardens, but seldom drives the tractor-mower as

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This 1961 course - sponsored by the Canadian St. John Ambulance Association - will commence on Thursday, February 2nd, at 8.0 p.m. in the Municipal Hall, Richmond Hill, with instruction continuing for eight consecutive Thursdays. This training - which includes instruction in artificial respiration, stopping of bleeding and general first aid - is available to both men and women, who, on satisfactory completion of the course, receive their St. John Certificate.

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